

HOUSE BILL 142

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By: **Delegate Morhaim**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2008

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Renaming and Review of**
3 **Reports and Commissions**

4 FOR the purpose of renaming the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to be the
5 Department of Health; renaming the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene
6 to be the Secretary of Health; requiring the Department of Health to conduct a
7 certain review and make a certain report to the Governor and General
8 Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the publisher of the Annotated
9 Code of Maryland to make certain technical changes; prohibiting the use of
10 certain documents reflecting the renaming of the Department until certain
11 documents already in print have been used; and generally relating to renaming
12 the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and a review of reports and
13 commissions.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
15 Article – Health – General
16 Section 1–101(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Health – General
21 Section 1–101(c) and (j), 2–101, and 2–102(a)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

26 **Article – Health – General**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 1-101.

2 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (c) "Department" means the Department of Health [and Mental Hygiene].

4 (j) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health [and Mental Hygiene].

5 2-101.

6 There is a Department of Health [and Mental Hygiene], established as a
7 principal department of the State government.

8 2-102.

9 (a) The head of the Department is the Secretary of Health [and Mental
10 Hygiene], who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the
11 Senate.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

13 (a) The Department of Health shall conduct a comprehensive review of the
14 Department in which the Department identifies:

15 (1) the boards, commissions, councils, and committees that are
16 operated by the Department or that otherwise involve the Department;

17 (2) methods to streamline or consolidate the boards, commissions,
18 councils, and committees that are found by the Department to be duplicative or
19 unnecessary; and

20 (3) the reports that are required by the General Assembly to be
21 submitted by the Department.

22 (b) In conducting the review required by subsection (a) of this section, the
23 Department shall ensure that the health care needs of the citizens of the State are
24 considered and maintained.

25 (c) On or before December 1, 2008, the Department shall report, in
26 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Governor and
27 General Assembly on the review required under subsection (a) of this section, and
28 shall include in the report:

29 (1) a description of the boards, commissions, councils, and committees
30 operated by the Department or that otherwise involve the Department;

1 (2) a list of the reports required by the General Assembly to be
2 submitted by the Department; and

3 (3) legislative and administrative recommendations for the
4 streamlining and consolidation of duplicative or unnecessary boards, commissions,
5 councils, committees, and legislative reports including the justification for the
6 recommendations.

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the publisher of the
8 Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the
9 Department of Legislative Services, shall correct, with no further action required by
10 the General Assembly, terminology rendered incorrect by this Act or by any other Act
11 of the General Assembly of 2008 that affects provisions enacted by this Act. The
12 publisher shall adequately describe any such correction in an editor's note following
13 the section affected.

14 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That letterhead, business
15 cards, and other documents reflecting the renaming of the Department of Health and
16 Mental Hygiene to be the Department of Health may not be used until all letterhead,
17 business cards, and other documents already in print and reflecting the name of the
18 Department before the effective date of this Act have been used.

19 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2008.