

HOUSE BILL 507

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By: **Delegates Nathan-Pulliam, Benson, Bromwell, Elliott, Kach, Kipke, Kullen, Montgomery, Morhaim, Riley, and Tarrant**
Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2009
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Inmates - Hepatitis C - Counseling and Referral to Medical Assistance**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional
5 Services, in collaboration with the Department of Human Resources and the
6 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to develop a process to refer certain
7 inmates to the Department of Human Resources or the Department of Health
8 and Mental Hygiene for enrollment in certain programs; requiring the
9 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide certain
10 counseling to inmates with Hepatitis C; requiring the Department of Public
11 Safety and Correctional Services, in collaboration with the Department of
12 Human Resources and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to
13 develop certain regulations; and generally relating to inmates with Hepatitis C.

14 BY adding to
15 Article - Correctional Services
16 Section 9-613
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Correctional Services**

22 **9-613.**

23 (A) **THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT**
24 **OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL**
25 **HYGIENE, SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS TO REFER AN INMATE WHO HAS BEEN**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **DIAGNOSED WITH HEPATITIS C TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**
2 **OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FOR ENROLLMENT**
3 **IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE PRIMARY ADULT**
4 **CARE PROGRAM ON RELEASE OF THE INMATE.**

5 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE COUNSELING TO INMATES WITH**
6 **HEPATITIS C ON THE MANAGEMENT OF HEPATITIS C AND METHODS TO**
7 **REDUCE THE TRANSMISSION OF HEPATITIS C.**

8 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT**
9 **OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL**
10 **HYGIENE, SHALL DEVELOP REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT SUBSECTION (A) OF**
11 **THIS SECTION.**

12 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
13 **October 1, 2009.**