

HOUSE BILL 1043

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – State Facilities – Closure**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene,
4 notwithstanding any other provision of law, from closing a certain facility;
5 prohibiting a certain State facility under the direction of the Mental Hygiene
6 Administration from being closed; and generally relating to the closure of
7 certain facilities owned or operated by the Department of Health and Mental
8 Hygiene.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 2–104(p) and 10–406(e)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article – Health – General
16 Section 10–406(a)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2005 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 – Health – General**

22 2–104.

23 **(P) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE**
24 **SECRETARY MAY NOT CLOSE A FACILITY, INCLUDING A HOSPITAL, THAT:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(1) IS LOCATED IN BALTIMORE CITY;**
2 **(2) IS OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND**
3 **(3) WAS IN OPERATION ON JANUARY 1, 2009.**

4 10-406.

5 (a) The following State facilities shall be maintained under the direction of
6 the Administration:

- 7 (1) Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center.
8 (2) Crownsville Hospital Center.
9 (3) Eastern Shore Hospital Center.
10 (4) Regional Institutes for Children and Adolescents – Baltimore,
11 Rockville, and Southern Maryland.
12 (5) Springfield Hospital Center.
13 (6) Spring Grove Hospital Center.
14 (7) Walter P. Carter Center.
15 (8) Thomas B. Finan Hospital Center.

16 **(E) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A STATE**
17 **FACILITY LISTED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION THAT IS LOCATED IN**
18 **BALTIMORE CITY AND WAS IN OPERATION ON JANUARY 1, 2009, MAY NOT BE**
19 **CLOSED.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 June 1, 2009.