

CHAPTER 142

(House Bill 507)

AN ACT concerning

Inmates - Hepatitis C - Counseling and Referral to Medical Assistance Program Home

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, in collaboration with the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to develop a process to refer certain inmates to the Department of Human Resources or the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for enrollment in certain programs on or before a certain date; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide certain counseling to inmates with Hepatitis C; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, in collaboration with the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to develop certain regulations; and generally relating to inmates with Hepatitis C.

BY adding to

Article - Correctional Services

Section 9-613

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

Article - Correctional Services

9-613.

(A) ~~THE~~ ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2010, THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS TO REFER AN INMATE WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH HEPATITIS C TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR THE PRIMARY ADULT CARE PROGRAM ON RELEASE OF THE INMATE.

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2009.