

## Chapter 394

(House Bill 181)

AN ACT concerning

### **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Biomonitoring Program – Report**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of the Environment, to conduct a certain study on the feasibility of establishing a biomonitoring program in the State and to make certain recommendations; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a report on the feasibility of establishing a biomonitoring program in the State.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of the Environment, shall study the feasibility of establishing a biomonitoring program in the State to monitor the presence and concentration of designated chemicals in residents of Maryland.

(b) In conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall:

(1) examine biomonitoring studies conducted by the federal government, in other states, and in other countries;

(2) examine legislative efforts in other states to establish biomonitoring programs;

(3) consider studies on the effectiveness of biomonitoring programs and the impact of those programs on health outcomes and health care costs;

(4) make recommendations regarding the chemicals that would be most beneficial to include in a biomonitoring program in this State; and

(5) make recommendations on the structure of a biomonitoring program for the State, if the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene finds that a biomonitoring program would be feasible.

(c) On or before June 30, 2011, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the study required under subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.**