

# SENATE BILL 380

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## ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced by **Senators Muse, Colburn, Conway, Dyson, Ferguson, Jacobs, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Manno, Mathias, Middleton, Peters, Pugh, Raskin, Simonaire, Stone, Young, ~~and Zirkin~~ Zirkin, Astle, Garagiola, Glassman, Kelley, Kittleman, and Ramirez**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Workgroup on Cancer Clusters**  
3 **and Environmental Causes of Cancer**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in  
5 consultation with the Department of the Environment, to convene a certain  
6 workgroup to examine certain issues; requiring the workgroup to include  
7 certain legislators and representatives; requiring the Department of Health and  
8 Mental Hygiene to report the findings and any recommendations of the  
9 workgroup to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain  
10 date; and generally relating to cancer clusters and environmental causes of  
11 cancer.

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



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

3 (a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the  
4 Department of the Environment, shall convene a workgroup to examine issues  
5 relating to the investigation of potential cancer clusters in the State and potential  
6 environmental causes of cancer, including:

7 (1) the process that State agencies use to research and identify cancer  
8 clusters in the State;

9 (2) communication between State agencies and between State and  
10 federal agencies regarding research about and the identification of cancer clusters and  
11 potential environmental causes of cancer;

12 (3) research being conducted by the academic medical institutions in  
13 the State on potential cancer clusters and how findings from this research are  
14 communicated to the appropriate State and federal agencies; and

15 (4) whether additional information regarding potential cancer clusters  
16 and potential environmental causes of cancer should be provided in annual reports to  
17 the public.

18 (b) (1) The workgroup required under this section shall include:

19 (i) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the  
20 President of the Senate;

21 (ii) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the  
22 Speaker of the House; and

23 (iii) representatives of academic medical institutions in the  
24 State, advocates for cancer patients, ~~legislators,~~ scientists, and environmentalists; and

25 (iv) at least one representative of a manufacturing business in the  
26 State.

27 (2) In selecting members of the workgroup described in paragraph  
28 (1)(iii) and (iv) of this subsection, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall  
29 include representatives from both urban and rural areas of the State.

30 (3) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall invite  
31 representatives of federal agencies to participate in the workgroup.

32 (c) On or before June 30, 2014, the Department of Health and Mental  
33 Hygiene shall report the findings of the workgroup required under this section and

1 any recommendations of the workgroup to the Governor and, in accordance with §  
2 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 July 1, 2013.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.