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By: **Delegate Hammen**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Developmental Disabilities Administration – Low Intensity Support Services**
3 **– Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of lowering the funding cap on low intensity support services
5 provided to certain individuals each fiscal year through the Low Intensity
6 Support Services Program in the Developmental Disabilities Administration;
7 and generally relating to the funding cap on low intensity support services.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 7–717
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 7–717.

17 (a) (1) In this part, “low intensity support services” means a program
18 designed to:

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.



1 (i) Enable a family to provide for the needs of a child or an
2 adult with developmental disability living in the home; or

3 (ii) Support an adult with developmental disability living in the
4 community.

5 (2) “Low intensity support services” includes the services and items
6 listed in §§ 7–701(d) and 7–706(c) of this subtitle.

7 (b) There is a Low Intensity Support Services Program in the
8 Administration.

9 (c) Low intensity support services shall be flexible to meet the needs of
10 individuals or families.

11 (d) (1) The Administration shall establish a cap of no less than **[\$3,000]**
12 **\$2,000** of low intensity support services per individual per fiscal year to a qualifying
13 individual.

14 (2) The Administration may waive the cap on low intensity support
15 services provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

16 (e) (1) An individual seeking low intensity support services is not
17 required to:

18 (i) Submit an application to the Department as provided in §
19 7–403 of this title; or

20 (ii) Complete an application for the Medical Assistance Program
21 if the low intensity support services will be provided to a minor.

22 (2) The Department may develop a simplified application process for
23 low intensity support services.

24 (f) The Administration shall deliver services to an eligible individual seeking
25 low intensity support services dependent on the availability and allocation of funds
26 provided by the Administration.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 ~~October~~ July 1, 2014.