

SENATE BILL 327

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By: **Senators Klausmeier, Eckardt, Kagan, King, and Montgomery**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Substance Use Disorders**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt
4 regulations setting standards that use the American Society of Addiction Medicine
5 criteria for treatment, care, and rehabilitation of individuals with a substance use
6 disorder; and generally relating to the treatment, care, and rehabilitation of
7 individuals with a substance use disorder.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 8–402
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 8–402.

17 (a) The Secretary shall:

18 (1) Plan and encourage development of, and coordinate the programs and
19 services that offer treatment, care, or rehabilitation for individuals with a substance use
20 disorder; and

21 (2) Adopt regulations setting standards **THAT USE THE AMERICAN**
22 **SOCKET OF ADDICTION MEDICINE CRITERIA** for treatment, care, and rehabilitation of
23 individuals with a substance use disorder.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The Secretary may establish and operate or identify programs and services,
2 including evaluation services to determine if an individual has a substance use disorder.

3 (c) A facility that the Administration operates or contracts to be operated is a
4 health facility and is not, for any purpose, a correctional institution.

5 (d) To carry out the purposes of this title, the Secretary may contract with any
6 appropriate public or private agency that has proper and adequate substance use disorder
7 programs.

8 (e) (1) The Administration annually shall evaluate all publicly funded
9 substance use disorder treatment programs licensed under this subtitle using federal
10 outcomes measures or other subsequently adopted federal standards.

11 (2) The Secretary shall adopt regulations necessary to allow the Director
12 to conduct the performance and outcome research required under paragraph (1) of this
13 subsection.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2015.