

SENATE BILL 520

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By: **Senators McCray and Ellis**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2020

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Behavioral Health Programs – Opioid Treatment Services – Limitation on**
3 **Licenses**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Behavioral Health Administration from approving more
5 than a certain number of licenses in each county for behavioral health programs that
6 provide opioid treatment services; authorizing the Administration to approve
7 licenses for certain behavioral health programs in a county above a certain amount
8 if the Administration is authorized by certain legislation; and generally relating to
9 licenses for behavioral health programs that provide opioid treatment services.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 7.5–405
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2019 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **7.5–405.**

19 **(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE**
20 **ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT APPROVE MORE THAN FIVE LICENSES IN EACH COUNTY**
21 **FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE OPIOID TREATMENT**
22 **SERVICES FOR EVERY 100,000 INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE IN THAT COUNTY.**

23 **(B) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY APPROVE LICENSES FOR BEHAVIORAL**
24 **HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE OPIOID TREATMENT SERVICES IN A COUNTY**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ABOVE THE AMOUNT ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IF THE
2 ADMINISTRATION IS AUTHORIZED BY LEGISLATION PASSED BY THE GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2020.