

SENATE BILL 184

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By: **Senator McCray**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration – Reduced Fare Program for Opioid**
3 **Treatment Program Patients – Program Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the application of the Maryland Transit Administration’s
5 reduced fare program for opioid treatment program patients by prohibiting
6 participation by a treatment program that was subject to any of certain enforcement
7 actions within a certain time period; and generally relating to the reduced fare
8 program for opioid treatment program patients under the Maryland Transit
9 Administration.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 7–712
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 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 – Transportation**

18 7–712.

19 (a) **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AN OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM**
20 **THAT HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS BY THE MARYLAND**
21 **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITHIN THE LAST 10 YEARS:**

22 **(1) A LICENSE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS, INCLUDING A DIRECTED PLAN**
2 **OF CORRECTION;**

3 **(3) THE ISSUANCE OF A NOTICE OF DEFICIENCIES;**

4 **(4) APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING**
5 **SPECIFIC CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUED PROGRAM OPERATION; OR**

6 **(5) AN APPROVED PETITION FOR RECEIVERSHIP.**

7 **(B) (1)** The Administration shall make available to opioid treatment programs
8 monthly transit passes that:

9 (i) Are for use by patients of opioid treatment programs who qualify
10 for the Administration's Disabled Reduced Fare Program; and

11 (ii) May be issued to patients on site at opioid treatment programs
12 by opioid treatment program staff.

13 (2) The transit passes issued under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall
14 be made available at a reduced price that reflects the price of a monthly pass issued under
15 the Disabled Reduced Fare Program as of October 1, 2020, less any cost savings to the
16 Administration that result from having participating opioid treatment programs issuing
17 transit passes directly to patients.

18 **[(b)] (c)** The Administration shall adopt regulations to establish the process by
19 which participating opioid treatment programs may issue transit passes under this section.

20 **[(c)] (D)** On or before December 1, 2021, and on or before December 1 each year
21 thereafter, the Administration, in consultation with participating opioid treatment
22 program providers, shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257
23 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the status of the implementation
24 of the requirements under this section.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2021.