

# SENATE BILL 399

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By: **Senator Carter**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of altering requirements relating to participation in the Maryland Transit  
5 Administration’s Disabled Reduced Fare Program by certain opioid treatment  
6 programs by requiring the Administration to allow opioid treatment programs to  
7 certify eligibility for and issue identification cards and monthly transit passes to  
8 qualifying patients; requiring rather than authorizing participating opioid  
9 treatment programs to issue the identification cards and transit passes to patients  
10 on-site; making certain conforming changes to certain regulatory requirements;  
11 making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the Maryland Transit  
12 Administration and transit passes for patients of opioid treatment programs.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Transportation  
15 Section 7–712  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2020 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 7–712.

22 (a) (1) The Administration shall [make available to] **ALLOW** opioid treatment  
23 programs **TO CERTIFY ELIGIBILITY AND ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND** monthly  
24 transit passes that **ARE**:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) [Are for] **FOR** use by patients of opioid treatment programs who  
2 qualify for the Administration's Disabled Reduced Fare Program; and

3 (ii) [May be issued] **ISSUED** to patients [on site] **ON-SITE** at  
4 **PARTICIPATING** opioid treatment programs by opioid treatment program staff.

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

10 (b) The Administration shall adopt regulations to establish the process by which  
11 participating opioid treatment programs [may] **CERTIFY ELIGIBILITY AND** issue  
12 **IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND** transit passes under this section.

13 (c) On or before December 1, 2021, and on or before December 1 each year  
14 thereafter, the Administration, in consultation with participating opioid treatment  
15 program providers, shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257  
16 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the status of the implementation  
17 of the requirements under this section.

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