SENATE BILL 883

By: Senator Watson
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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Sickle Cell Disease – Testing at a Community–Based Health Fair

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to authorize certain persons to offer and perform testing for detecting sickle cell disease at a community–based health fair; authorizing the person to provide information on and resources for living with sickle cell disease while performing testing at a community–based health fair; and generally relating to testing for sickle cell disease.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 18–508
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

18–508.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “COMMUNITY–BASED HEALTH FAIR” MEANS AN EVENT THAT SEEKS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH THAT IS SPONSORED BY:

(1) THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT;

(2) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; OR
(3) A nonprofit community organization that has the stated purpose of promoting public health.

(B) The Department shall authorize a person who is qualified to offer or perform laboratory testing in the State, as determined by the Department, to offer and perform laboratory testing for detecting sickle cell disease at a community–based health fair in the State.

(C) A person who is authorized to perform testing under subsection (B) of this section may provide information on and resources for living with sickle cell disease while performing testing at a community–based health fair.

(D) The Department shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.