

HB1146/373023/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1146
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; in the sponsor line, strike “**and Lopez**” and substitute “**Lopez, Pena-Melnyk, Cullison, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Chisholm, Guzzone, Hutchinson, Kaiser, Martinez, M. Morgan, Reilly, Rosenberg, Taveras, White, and Woods**”; in line 2, strike “**Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Adult and Pediatric**” and substitute “**Maryland Department of Health and Maryland Health Care Commission –**”; strike line 3 in its entirety and substitute “**Survey and Regional Needs Assessment**”; strike beginning with “, on” in line 4 down through “charges” in line 10 and substitute “, in consultation with a certain entity, to conduct a survey of hospitals to identify the availability of hospital operating resources for dentist use; requiring the Department and the Maryland Health Care Commission, jointly and in consultation with certain entities, to conduct a regional needs assessment for dental procedures that require anesthesia or moderate sedation; requiring the Department and the Commission, jointly and in consultation with a certain entity, to develop regional plans to ensure the availability of certain operating space for the performance of certain dental procedures”; in line 11, strike “adult and pediatric”; and strike in their entirety lines 12 through 16, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 18, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 9 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

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“(a) The Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with the Maryland Hospital Association, shall conduct a survey of hospitals to identify the availability of hospital operating room resources for dentist use including:

- (1) the number of dentists credentialed at each hospital;
- (2) the average time each hospital takes to credential a dentist;
- (3) the number of operating room minutes made available to credentialed dentists at each hospital;
- (4) the percentage of available operating room minutes used by credentialed dentists over the immediately preceding 12-month period; and
- (5) any stipends paid for anesthesiology services related to the use of operating rooms by credentialed dentists.

(b) The Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Health Care Commission, jointly and in consultation with the Maryland Hospital Association and the Maryland Ambulatory Surgery Association, shall conduct a regional needs assessment for dental procedures that require anesthesia or moderate sedation that shall consider:

- (1) the survey on capacity conducted by the Maryland Hospital Association;
- (2) available information that can be used to assess capacity for dental procedures in ambulatory surgery centers;
- (3) estimated startup and operating expenses for configuring and operating an operating room for dental procedures; and

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(4) the ability of ambulatory surgery centers to pay stipends to anesthesiologists related to dental procedures.

(c) The Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Health Care Commission, jointly and in consultation with the Maryland Hospital Association, shall develop regional plans to ensure the availability of appropriate operating room space for the performance of dental procedures for Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients.

(d) On or before December 1, 2023, the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Health Care Commission, jointly and in consultation with the Maryland Hospital Association, shall submit a report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, that includes:

(1) the results of the survey conducted under subsection (a) of this section;

(2) the results of the needs assessment conducted under subsection (b) of this section; and

(3) the regional plans developed under subsection (c) of this section.”.

On page 3, strike beginning with “shall” in line 10 down through “2023” in line 11 and substitute “is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.”.