

# HOUSE BILL 703

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Parkinson’s Disease Registry – ~~Established~~ Advisory Committee**  
3 **and Website**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~establishing a Parkinson’s Disease Registry in the Maryland~~  
5 ~~Department of Health; requiring the Department to collect certain data for the~~  
6 ~~Registry; authorizing the Department to share certain information in the Registry~~  
7 ~~with certain entities under certain conditions; providing for the confidentiality of~~  
8 ~~information collected under this Act; requiring the Department to maintain a record~~  
9 ~~of individuals granted access to confidential information in the Registry; altering the~~  
10 ~~duties of the Parkinson’s Disease Registry Advisory Committee; requiring the~~  
11 ~~Committee to meet on a certain basis beginning on a certain date, rather than with~~  
12 ~~the frequency established by the Secretary of Health; requiring the Maryland~~  
13 ~~Department of Health, in collaboration with the State-designated health~~  
14 ~~information exchange, to establish and maintain a certain website that has certain~~  
15 ~~information related to Parkinson’s disease; and generally relating to the~~  
16 ~~establishment of a Parkinson’s Disease Registry~~ Parkinson’s disease.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
18 Article – Health – General  
19 Section 18-1202  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 2 Article – Health – General  
 3 Section ~~18-1201~~ and 18-1203  
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 5 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

6 ~~BY repealing~~  
 7 ~~Article – Health – General~~  
 8 ~~Section 18-1202~~  
 9 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
 10 ~~(2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)~~

11 BY adding to  
 12 Article – Health – General  
 13 Section ~~18-1202~~ and 18-1204 through ~~18-1210~~  
 14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 ~~18-1201.~~

20 (a) ~~In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.~~

21 (b) ~~“Advisory Committee” means the Parkinson’s Disease Registry Advisory~~  
 22 ~~Committee.~~

23 (c) ~~(1) “PARKINSONISMS” MEANS CONDITIONS RELATED TO~~  
 24 ~~PARKINSON’S DISEASE THAT CAUSE A COMBINATION OF THE MOVEMENT~~  
 25 ~~ABNORMALITIES SEEN IN PARKINSON’S DISEASE.~~

26 ~~(2) “PARKINSONISMS” INCLUDES MULTIPLE SYSTEM ATROPHY,~~  
 27 ~~DEMENTIA WITH LEWY BODIES, CORTICOBASAL DEGENERATION, AND PROGRESSIVE~~  
 28 ~~SUPRANUCLEAR PALSY.~~

29 ~~(D) “Parkinson’s disease” means a chronic and progressive disorder resulting from~~  
 30 ~~deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine as the consequence of specific degenerative~~  
 31 ~~changes in the area of the brain called the basal ganglia, characterized by tremors at rest,~~  
 32 ~~slow movements, muscle rigidity, stooped posture, and unsteady or shuffling gait.~~

33 (E) ~~“REGISTRY” MEANS THE PARKINSON’S DISEASE REGISTRY.~~

1 ~~18-1202.~~

2 There is a Parkinson's Disease Registry Advisory Committee in the Department.~~1~~

3 ~~18-1202.~~

4 ~~THERE IS A PARKINSON'S DISEASE REGISTRY IN THE DEPARTMENT.~~

5 18-1203.

6 ~~(A) THERE IS A PARKINSON'S DISEASE REGISTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE~~  
7 ~~IN THE DEPARTMENT.~~

8 ~~{(a)}~~ ~~(B)~~ The Advisory Committee shall:

9 (1) Assist in the development and implementation of a STATE Parkinson's  
10 Disease Registry;

11 (2) Determine what data shall be collected and be stored in a STATE  
12 Parkinson's Disease Registry and the methods to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of  
13 data collected and stored in the registry; ~~and~~

14 (3) Advise the Department on Parkinson's disease and maintaining a  
15 STATE Parkinson's Disease Registry; AND

16 (4) CONSULT WITH ENTITIES THAT MAY BE ABLE TO COLLECT DATA  
17 AND WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL  
18 AND PREVENTION TO AID THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND  
19 PREVENTION IN CREATING A NATIONAL PARKINSON'S DISEASE REGISTRY.

20 (B) ENTITIES THAT MAY BE CONSULTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(4) OF THIS  
21 SECTION INCLUDE:

22 (1) THE STATE-DESIGNATED HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE;

23 (2) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; AND

24 (3) COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES.

25 ~~[(b)]~~ ~~(C)~~ (1) The Secretary shall appoint individuals to serve on the Advisory  
26 Committee, including:

27 (i) A neurologist;

28 (ii) A movement disorder specialist;

- 1 (iii) A primary care provider;
- 2 (iv) A physician informaticist;
- 3 (v) A patient with Parkinson's disease;
- 4 (vi) A public health professional;
- 5 (vii) A population health researcher familiar with disease registries;
- 6 (viii) A Parkinson's disease researcher; and
- 7 (ix) Any other individuals the Secretary determines are necessary.
- 8 (2) The Secretary shall establish:
- 9 (i) The duration of term limits for members of the Advisory  
10 Committee;
- 11 (ii) ~~The frequency of meetings of the Advisory Committee;~~
- 12 ~~(iii)~~ Rules and procedures for conducting business of the Advisory  
13 Committee; and
- 14 ~~(iv)~~ **(III)** Any other rules necessary for the Advisory Committee to  
15 function effectively.

16 **(D) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT**  
17 **LEAST QUARTERLY.**

18 ~~18-1204.~~

19 ~~**(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT DATA FOR THE REGISTRY,**~~  
20 ~~**INCLUDING DATA ON THE INCIDENCE OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE IN THE STATE AND**~~  
21 ~~**RELATED EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA.**~~

22 ~~**(B) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE**~~  
23 ~~**DEPARTMENT, SHALL:**~~

24 ~~**(1) IDENTIFY CATEGORIES OF DATA TO BE COLLECTED FOR THE**~~  
25 ~~**REGISTRY RELATED TO:**~~

26 ~~**(I) PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS, INCLUDING GEOGRAPHY; AND**~~

27 ~~**(II) DIAGNOSES; AND**~~

1 ~~(2) PERIODICALLY REVIEW THE DATA COLLECTED FOR THE~~  
2 ~~REGISTRY TO ASSESS WHETHER THE:~~

3 ~~(I) DATA INCLUDES SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ENSURE~~  
4 ~~THERE ARE NO DUPLICATED PATIENT RECORDS IN THE REGISTRY; AND~~

5 ~~(II) CATEGORIES OF DATA COLLECTED SHOULD BE ALTERED.~~

6 ~~18 1205.~~

7 ~~(A) (1) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, ALL~~  
8 ~~INFORMATION COLLECTED FOR THE REGISTRY UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE~~  
9 ~~CONFIDENTIAL.~~

10 ~~(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT A CODING SYSTEM THAT~~  
11 ~~REMOVES ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL FROM~~  
12 ~~COLLECTED DATA.~~

13 ~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY~~  
14 ~~COMMITTEE, SHALL ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR THE COLLECTION OF DATA FOR THE~~  
15 ~~REGISTRY AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION DETERMINING THE INCIDENCE~~  
16 ~~AND PREVALENCE OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND RELATED PARKINSONISMS.~~

17 ~~(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY~~  
18 ~~COMMITTEE, SHALL:~~

19 ~~(I) NOTIFY, IN WRITING AND ORALLY, ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE~~  
20 ~~STATE DIAGNOSED WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE OR RELATED PARKINSONISMS~~  
21 ~~ABOUT THE CREATION OF THE REGISTRY, DATA COLLECTION ASSOCIATED WITH~~  
22 ~~THE REGISTRY, AND THE RIGHT TO OPT OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE REGISTRY;~~  
23 ~~AND~~

24 ~~(II) PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT OF PARTICIPATION~~  
25 ~~IN THE REGISTRY.~~

26 ~~(2) (I) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE OR RELATED~~  
27 ~~PARKINSONISMS MAY OPT OUT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE REGISTRY BY~~  
28 ~~SUBMITTING WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT.~~

29 ~~(II) IF AN INDIVIDUAL OPTS OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE~~  
30 ~~REGISTRY, THE DEPARTMENT:~~

1 ~~1. SHALL RECORD AN INCIDENCE OF A PATIENT WITH~~  
2 ~~PARKINSON'S DISEASE; AND~~

3 ~~2. MAY NOT RECORD ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION~~  
4 ~~ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL.~~

5 ~~(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY:~~

6 ~~(1) CREATE, REVIEW, AND REVISE A LIST OF DATA POINTS REQUIRED~~  
7 ~~AS PART OF MANDATED PARKINSON'S DISEASE REPORTING UNDER THIS SECTION,~~  
8 ~~INCLUDING NECESSARY TRIGGERING DIAGNOSTIC CONDITIONS THAT ARE~~  
9 ~~CONSISTENT WITH THE LATEST INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL CLASSIFICATION OF~~  
10 ~~DISEASES AND RELATED HEALTH PROBLEMS; AND~~

11 ~~(2) IMPLEMENT THE COLLECTION OF DATA POINTS ON THE LIST~~  
12 ~~CREATED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THROUGH A BULLETIN, OR SIMILAR~~  
13 ~~INSTRUCTION, TO NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIANS, AND PHYSICIAN~~  
14 ~~ASSISTANTS.~~

15 ~~(E) AT LEAST 180 DAYS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT ADOPTS MANDATORY~~  
16 ~~REPORTING OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND RELATED PARKINSONISMS, THE~~  
17 ~~DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF THE MANDATORY REPORTING OF~~  
18 ~~PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND RELATED PARKINSONISMS:~~

19 ~~(1) ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE;~~

20 ~~(2) DIRECTLY TO ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING HOSPITALS,~~  
21 ~~HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE~~  
22 ~~STATE; AND~~

23 ~~(3) DIRECTLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING AND THE STATE~~  
24 ~~BOARD OF PHYSICIANS.~~

25 ~~(F) (1) A NURSE PRACTITIONER, PHYSICIAN, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT~~  
26 ~~WHO DIAGNOSES PATIENTS WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND RELATED~~  
27 ~~PARKINSONISMS SHALL REPORT EACH CASE OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND~~  
28 ~~RELATED PARKINSONISMS TO THE REGISTRY IN A FORMAT DETERMINED BY THE~~  
29 ~~DEPARTMENT.~~

30 ~~(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE EXISTING REPORTING PROCEDURES~~  
31 ~~TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION~~  
32 ~~FOR DIAGNOSIS REPORTING AND DATA SUBMISSION BY A NURSE PRACTITIONER,~~  
33 ~~PHYSICIAN, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT.~~



~~(2) THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION COLLECTED FOR THE REGISTRY MAY NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SUBPOENA, DISCLOSED, DISCOVERABLE, OR COMPELLED TO BE PRODUCED IN ANY CIVIL, CRIMINAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR OTHER PROCEEDING; AND~~

~~(3) THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION COLLECTED FOR THE REGISTRY MAY NOT BE DEEMED ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE IN ANY CIVIL, CRIMINAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, TRIBUNAL, OR OTHER PROCEEDING.~~

~~(B) (1) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREEMPT THE AUTHORITY OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN § 19-132 OF THIS ARTICLE, PROVIDING DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES OR TREATMENT TO PATIENTS WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE OR RELATED PARKINSONISMS TO MAINTAIN A PARKINSON'S DISEASE REGISTRY.~~

~~(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE PUBLICATION OF REPORTS AND STATISTICAL COMPILATIONS THAT DO NOT IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE OR RELATED PARKINSONISMS OR INDIVIDUAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION.~~

~~18-1208.~~

~~(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FROM THE REGISTRY.~~

~~(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT DENY A REQUEST FOR INSPECTION OF THE RECORD MAINTAINED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION UNDER TITLE 4 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE.~~

~~(C) THE RECORD MAINTAINED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE ACCESSING INDIVIDUAL'S:~~

~~(1) NAME;~~

~~(2) TITLE;~~

~~(3) ADDRESS;~~

~~(4) ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION;~~

~~(5) DATES OF ACCESS; AND~~

~~(6) PURPOSE FOR ACCESSING THE INFORMATION.~~

~~18-1209.~~



~~1 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT  
2 THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~3 18-1210.~~

~~4 (A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2023, THE  
5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND, IN  
6 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE  
7 FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS  
8 COMMITTEE ON THE REGISTRY AND THE PREVALENCE OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE IN  
9 THE STATE.~~

~~10 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER  
11 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION ON A DEDICATED WEBSITE ACCESSIBLE TO THE  
12 PUBLIC.~~

~~13 18-1204.~~

~~14 (A) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE-DESIGNATED  
15 HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE, SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A PUBLICLY  
16 ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE THAT HAS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN A  
17 DOWNLOADABLE FORMAT:~~

~~18 (1) THE INCIDENCE OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE IN THE STATE; AND~~

~~19 (2) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, THE INCIDENCE OF PARKINSON'S  
20 DISEASE DISAGGREGATED BASED ON:~~

~~21 (I) AGE, INCLUDING AGE OF DIAGNOSIS;~~

~~22 (II) GENDER;~~

~~23 (III) SEX;~~

~~24 (IV) RACE;~~

~~25 (V) ETHNICITY; AND~~

~~26 (VI) CASES BY COUNTY.~~

~~27 (B) THE WEBSITE REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION  
28 SHALL:~~

1           **(1) INCLUDE THE DATA AVAILABLE FOR THE 5-YEAR PERIOD ENDING**  
 2 **ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; AND**

3           **(2) BE UPDATED ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 EACH YEAR, TO INCLUDE**  
 4 **ANY NEWLY AVAILABLE DATA.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before July 1, 2024, the  
 6 Parkinson's Disease Registry Advisory Committee shall report to the Senate Finance  
 7 Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance  
 8 with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on recommendations for a path forward  
 9 toward the establishment of a fully functional State Parkinson's Disease Registry.

10           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Department of  
 11 Health shall establish the website required under § 18-1204 of the Health – General  
 12 Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, on or before October 1, 2023.

13           SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 14 ~~October~~ June 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.