

## Chapter 697

**(House Bill 722)**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Department of Health – Report on Oversight of Substance Use  
Disorder Treatment Programs and Recovery Residences**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to submit reports on or before certain dates on the oversight of substance use disorder treatment programs and recovery residences; and generally relating to the oversight of substance use disorder treatment programs and recovery residences.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That:

(a) On or before December 1, 2025, and December 1, 2026, the Maryland Department of Health shall report to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on:

- (1) the revision of COMAR 10.63;
- (2) improvements to the oversight of substance use disorder treatment programs; and
- (3) improvements to procedures for the certification, monitoring, and oversight of recovery residences.

(b) The reports required under subsection (a) of this section shall include, to the extent authorized by law, an analysis of how the revisions to COMAR 10.63 and other changes undertaken by the Department will prevent events similar to those that occurred and were reported related to PHA Healthcare, including patient relapse and death while enrolled in a substance use disorder program and housed in provider-owned buildings.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

**Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.**