

**HB0384/793424/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 384  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Ziegler**” and substitute “**Ziegler, Pena–Melnyk, Cullison, Alston, Bagnall, Bhandari, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, and White Holland**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 8, strike “**AN INDIVIDUAL**” and substitute “**A RESIDENT OF THE STATE**”.

On page 4, strike beginning with “**REFER**” in line 13 down through “**TO**” in line 14 and substitute “**SELECT**”; in line 15, after “**ENTITIES**” insert “**TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM**”; in the same line, after the semicolon insert “**AND**”; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 17 down through “**PROGRAM**” in line 20; in line 23, strike “**MANAGE, SUPERVISE, AND**”; and strike beginning with “**AND**” in line 24 down through “**PROGRAM**” in line 26.

On pages 4 and 5, strike beginning with “**PROMOTE**” in line 28 on page 4 down through “**(III)**” in line 3 on page 5.

On page 5, in line 4, strike “**(IV)**” and substitute “**(II)**”; and strike beginning with “**FROM**” in line 11 down through “**PROGRAM**” in line 13.

On page 6, after line 27, insert:

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**“(2) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 TO THE FUND.”**.

On page 7, in lines 1 and 3, strike “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)” and “(4)”, respectively; and strike beginning with “this” in line 16 down through “2025” in line 17 and substitute “:

(a) This Act is contingent on the Department of Disabilities certifying that the Department has sufficient staff to administer the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program under Title 7, Subtitle 12 of the Human Services Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

(b) On or before October 1, 2026, the Department of Disabilities shall notify the Department of Legislative Services whether the Department has certified that the Department has sufficient staff to administer the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program.

(c) (1) If the Department of Legislative Services receives notification that the Department of Disabilities has sufficient staff to administer the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program on or before October 1, 2026, this Act shall take effect on the date the notice is received by the Department of Legislative Services in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

(2) If the Department of Legislative Services receives notice that the Department of Disabilities lacks sufficient staff to administer the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program on or before October 1, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be null and void”.