

HOUSE BILL 170

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By: **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund –**
3 **Use**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the date through which the Maternal and Child Health
5 Population Health Improvement Fund may be used for expenses associated with
6 maternal and child health population health improvements; and generally relating
7 to the Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 19–210
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 19–210.

17 (a) In this section, “Fund” means the Maternal and Child Health Population
18 Health Improvement Fund.

19 (b) There is a Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund.

20 (c) The purpose of the Fund is to invest in maternal and child population health
21 improvements through the Medical Care Programs Administration and the Prevention and
22 Health Promotion Administration.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) The Department and the Commission shall administer the Fund.

2 (e) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of
3 the State Finance and Procurement Article.

4 (2) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the
5 Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

6 (f) The Fund consists of:

7 (1) A uniform, broad–based assessment of a reasonable amount in hospital
8 rates in order to invest in maternal and child population health improvements under §
9 19–207 of this subtitle;

10 (2) Interest earnings; and

11 (3) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the
12 Fund.

13 (g) The Fund may be used only for expenses associated with maternal and child
14 health population health improvements through December 31, ~~[2025]~~ **2027**.

15 (h) (1) The State Treasurer shall invest the money of the Fund in the same
16 manner as other State money may be invested.

17 (2) Any interest earnings of the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.

18 (i) Expenditures from the Fund may be made only:

19 (1) In accordance with the State budget; and

20 (2) After the approval of a majority of the members of the Commission.

21 (j) Money expended from the Fund is supplemental to and is not intended to take
22 the place of funding that would otherwise be appropriated for the Maryland Medical
23 Assistance Program.

24 (k) The Fund is subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits as provided in
25 § 2–1220 of the State Government Article.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
27 1, 2025.