

HOUSE BILL 1304

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Health and Department of ~~Human Services~~ Aging –**
3 **Earned Income Tax Credit – Distribution of Information and Training**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health ~~and the Department of~~
5 ~~Human Services to provide information on~~ to develop a process for providing
6 information about the availability of the State’s earned income tax credits to
7 individuals enrolled or participating in certain programs or services, or potential
8 enrollees in certain programs, administered by the ~~departments,~~ Maryland
9 Department of Health; requiring the Department of Aging to provide training to the
10 Maryland Access Point network to increase awareness of the availability of the
11 State’s earned income tax credit; and generally relating to public assistance
12 programs.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article – Health – General

15 Section 15–101(h), 15–301(a), 15–401(c), 15–601(d) and (e), and 15–1001(e)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

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 (2023 Replacement Volume)

2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
3 Article – Health – General
4 Section 15–102.1(b)(18) and (19)
5 Annotated Code of Maryland
6 (2023 Replacement Volume)

7 BY adding to
8 Article – Health – General
9 Section 15–102.1(b)(20), 15–301(e), 15–408, 15–605(h), and 15–1007
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2023 Replacement Volume)

12 BY ~~adding to~~ repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Human Services
14 Section ~~2–304~~ 10–1002
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 15–101.

21 (h) “Program” means the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

22 15–102.1.

23 (b) The Department shall, to the extent permitted, subject to the limitations of
24 the State budget:

25 (18) Establish mechanisms for aggressively pursuing recoveries against
26 third parties permitted under current law and exploring additional methods for seeking to
27 recover other money expended by the Program; [and]

28 (19) Take appropriate measures to assure the quality of health care services
29 provided by managed care organizations; **AND**

30 **(20) ~~DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON~~ DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR**
31 **PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE’S EARNED**
32 **INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10–704 OF THE TAX – GENERAL**
33 **ARTICLE TO EACH PROGRAM ENROLLEE OR POTENTIAL PROGRAM ENROLLEE**
34 **WHEN PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM.**

1 15-301.

2 (a) There is a Maryland Children's Health Program.

3 (E) **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ~~DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON~~ DEVELOP A**
4 **PROCESS FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE'S**
5 **EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE TAX -**
6 **GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH PROGRAM ENROLLEE OR POTENTIAL PROGRAM**
7 **ENROLLEE WHEN PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM.**

8 15-401.

9 (c) "Program" means the Qualified State Long-Term Care Insurance
10 Partnership.

11 **15-408.**

12 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ~~DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON~~ DEVELOP A**
13 **PROCESS FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE'S**
14 **EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE TAX -**
15 **GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH PROGRAM ENROLLEE OR POTENTIAL PROGRAM**
16 **ENROLLEE WHEN PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM.**

17 15-601.

18 (d) "Program" means the Prescription Drug Repository Program.

19 (e) "Repository" means a licensed pharmacy that:

20 (1) Does not have a final disciplinary order issued against it by the Board
21 of Pharmacy;

22 (2) Has voluntarily agreed to participate in the Program; and

23 (3) Has been approved by the Board to:

24 (i) Accept donated prescription drugs or medical supplies from a
25 designated drop-off site;

26 (ii) Dispense the donated prescription drugs or medical supplies to
27 needy individuals; or

28 (iii) Dispose of prescription drugs or medical supplies not accepted for
29 dispensing to needy individuals.

1 15-605.

2 (H) ~~A REPOSITORY SHALL DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE~~
 3 DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PROCESS FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT
 4 THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE'S EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED
 5 UNDER § 10-704 OF THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING
 6 DONATED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM THE REPOSITORY.

7 15-1001.

8 (e) "Program" means the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program
 9 established under this subtitle.

10 15-1007.

11 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ~~DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON~~ DEVELOP A
 12 PROCESS FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE'S
 13 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE
 14 TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING SERVICES UNDER THIS
 15 SUBTITLE.

16 Article - Human Services

17 ~~2-304.~~

18 ~~THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE INFORMATION ON THE STATE'S~~
 19 ~~EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 10-704 OF THE~~
 20 ~~TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE TO EACH INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM A~~
 21 ~~PROGRAM OR SERVICE ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 5 OR TITLE 6 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

22 10-1002.

23 (a) There is an Aging and Disability Resource Center Program, known as
 24 "Maryland Access Point", in the Department.

25 (b) The Program is the State's Aging and Disability Resource Center for purposes
 26 of the federal Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006.

27 (c) The purpose of the Program is to provide a coordinated system of information
 28 and access for individuals seeking long-term services and supports, including in-home,
 29 community-based, and institutional services.

30 (d) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE PERIODIC TRAINING TO THE
 31 MARYLAND ACCESS POINT NETWORK TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE

1 AVAILABILITY OF THE STATE'S EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ESTABLISHED UNDER
2 § 10-704 OF THE TAX – GENERAL ARTICLE.

3 (E) The Department shall administer, supervise, and coordinate the Program
4 with the cooperation of the Department of Disabilities, the Department of Human Services,
5 the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Maryland Department of
6 Health.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.