FOR the purpose of requiring the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration to evaluate the success and effectiveness of certain alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs by conducting certain follow up outcome research studies; authorizing the Administration to promulgate certain regulations that would permit the Administration to perform certain follow up outcome research studies; specifying that the outcome research studies shall be conducted in a certain manner; establishing an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Research Advisory Committee to develop a certain methodology and advise the Administration on certain regulations; and generally relating to the evaluation of alcohol and drug abuse programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 8-402 Annotated Code of Maryland (1989 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Health - General

8-402.

- (a) The Administration shall:
- (1) Plan and encourage development of, and coordinate the facilities and services that offer treatment, care, or rehabilitation for alcohol and drug abusers; [and]
- (2) Adopt regulations that set standards for treatment, care, and rehabilitation of alcohol and drug abusers.
- (b) The Administration may establish and operate or identify facilities and services, including evaluation facilities to determine if an individual is a drug abuser or alcohol abuser or dependent on drugs or alcohol.
- (c) A facility that the Administration operates or contracts to be operated is a health facility and is not, for any purpose, a correctional institution.
- (d) An individual may not be discriminated against based on an inability to pay for any services provided by the Administration either directly or by contract.
- (e) To carry out the purposes of this title, the Administration may contract with any appropriate public or private agency that has proper and adequate treatment facilities, services, and staff.
- (F) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL EVALUATE THE SUCCESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH ALCOHOL ABUSE AND DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM LICENSED OR CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE BY PERFORMING FOLLOW UP OUTCOME RESEARCH STUDIES ON A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE RECEIVED