APPROVED BY THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY AND THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved April 24, 1990.

## CHAPTER 188

(House Bill 905)

AN ACT concerning

## Maryland AIDS Insurance Assistance Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland AIDS Insurance Assistance Pilot Program; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide for the continuation of health insurance benefits under certain circumstances to certain individuals with HIV related disease; who are HIV positive; providing for a certain annual report; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to an the Maryland AIDS insurance assistance program Insurance Assistance Pilot Program.

## BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 15-201 through 15-205, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 2. Maryland AIDS Insurance Assistance Pilot Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland (1990 Replacement Volume)

## Preamble

WHEREAS, Many individuals with HIV-related disease become so ill that they are unable to continue employment; and

WHEREAS, When they become unemployed many are unable to continue to purchase health insurance; and

WHEREAS, When they are unable to purchase health care and are medically needy, many must eventually rely on the Medical Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 and similar Maryland laws and regulations provide provides for continuation of benefits under certain circumstances; now, therefore,

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