

CHAPTER 328

(House Bill 507)

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Prenatal Dietary Folic Acid Supplement Distribution Program**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a program to distribute ~~prenatal multivitamin appropriate vitamins and mineral dietary supplements~~ a folic acid supplement to women of a certain age and income level; providing for the purpose of the program; requiring the program to provide a certain supplements supplement and certain counseling and information to certain individuals; ~~requiring local health departments to distribute certain supplements and to provide certain counseling and information~~; requiring the program to be funded in the State budget, subject to the availability of funding; ~~authorizing the Department to use money appropriated for a certain federal program and from any other lawful source to fund the program~~; and generally relating to a ~~prenatal dietary~~ folic acid supplement distribution program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 13-2301 through 13-2303, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 23. ~~Prenatal Dietary~~ Folic Acid Supplement Distribution Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

**Article - Health - General**

**SUBTITLE 23. ~~PRENATAL DIETARY~~ FOLIC ACID SUPPLEMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM.**

13-2301.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, "WOMEN OF CHILDBEARING AGE" MEANS WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 45 YEARS OLD WHO ~~QUALIFY FOR THE FEDERAL WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN FOOD PROGRAM~~ HAVE FAMILY INCOMES AT OR BELOW 185% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.