

WHEREAS, In order to assure wise use of its resources, the State must promote demographic, epidemiologic, and health services data development on Alzheimer's disease and related disorders; and

~~WHEREAS, A technique for obtaining the needed data has been preeminently demonstrated on a limited geographic basis by investigators of the Johns Hopkins University in the East Baltimore study; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The State must arrange for extensions of these studies to gather data representative of various populations, including minority groups, age and sex categories, and rural and urban communities, as well as to develop statewide projections; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The State also must conduct in-depth, focused studies to follow up leads that will be opened by the basic demographic, epidemiologic, and health services data; now, therefore;~~

WHEREAS, The National Institute of Mental Health, in cooperation with Johns Hopkins University, has conducted a study of mental disorders at seven sites throughout the country including East Baltimore, and this study has provided a data base from which projections can be made about the Alzheimer's population in the rest of the State; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall conduct using existing data, a demographic, epidemiologic, and health services data study of the prevalence and incidence of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders that affect individuals in this State.

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall use the 1979 study by Dr. Morton Kramer of Johns Hopkins Hospital in East Baltimore as a basis for the statewide study under Section 1 of this Act.~~

SECTION 3. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department shall report ~~its findings~~ on the status of the study to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1312(b) of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly ~~when completed, but not later than January 1, 1987~~ by January 1, 1987. The Department shall deliver its final report of its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 1987.

SECTION 4. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.