

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

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 8. AIDS PREVENTION STERILE NEEDLE AND SYRINGE EXCHANGE PILOT PROGRAM

24-801.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH" MEANS THE BALTIMORE CITY COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH.

(C) "HIV" MEANS THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS THAT CAUSES ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS).

(D) "PARTICIPANT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS REGISTERED WITH THE PROGRAM.

(E) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE AIDS PREVENTION STERILE NEEDLE AND SYRINGE EXCHANGE PILOT PROGRAM.

(F) "RESIDUE" MEANS THE DRIED REMAINS OF A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE ATTACHED TO OR CONTAINED WITHIN A HYPODERMIC NEEDLE OR SYRINGE.

24-802.

(A) THERE IS AN AIDS PREVENTION STERILE NEEDLE AND SYRINGE EXCHANGE PILOT PROGRAM IN THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE PROGRAM SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE FOR THE ONE-FOR-ONE EXCHANGE BY PARTICIPANTS OF USED HYPODERMIC NEEDLES AND SYRINGES FOR STERILE HYPODERMIC NEEDLES AND SYRINGES; AND

(2) OPERATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES APPROVED, WITH THE ADVICE AND APPROVAL OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH.

24-803.

THE PROGRAM SHALL:

(1) BE DESIGNED AND MAINTAINED TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY OF EXCHANGE LOCATIONS AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING SECURITY MEASURES THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO CONTROL THE USE AND DISPERSAL OF HYPODERMIC