

CHAPTER 177

(Senate Bill 451)

AN ACT concerning

**Needle Exchange Program – Repeal of Sunset**

FOR the purpose of repealing the termination of the law relating to the AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Pilot Program; requiring the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Baltimore City Health Department to jointly report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the repeal of the termination provision on the AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Pilot Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 360 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994, as amended by Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1995

Section 2

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

**Chapter 360 of the Acts of 1994, as amended by Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1995**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. [~~It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of 3 years from the date of enactment~~ May 31, 1997, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Baltimore City Health Department shall jointly report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before January 31 of each year on the status of the AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Pilot Program, including the sources of funding for the program, the cost-savings of the program, the number of clients served by the program, the success of the program in referring clients for drug treatment, the drug use behavior of clients before enrollment in the program and during enrollment in the program, and the HIV seroconversion rate among clients participating in the program.

SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

Approved April 29, 1997.