

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of the Maryland Children's Health Program Private Option Plan on or before December 1, 2003.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.

~~SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003.~~

~~SECTION 2, 7, 6.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in ~~Sections 5 and 6~~ Section 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved April 25, 2000.

CHAPTER 17

(House Bill 1425)

AN ACT concerning

**Cigarette Restitution Fund — ~~Smoking and Cancer Reduction Act of 2000~~
Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program — Cancer Prevention,
Education, Screening, and Treatment Program**

FOR the purpose of establishing a Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program and a Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening, and Treatment Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing that the programs shall be funded as provided in the State budget with money from the Cigarette Restitution Fund; authorizing the Legislative Auditor to audit the appropriations and expenditures made for purposes of the programs; establishing a Surveillance and Evaluation Component, a Statewide Public Health Component, a Counter-Marketing and Media Component, a Local Public Health Component, and an Administrative Component in the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program; establishing a Surveillance and Evaluation Component, a Statewide Public Health Component, a Local Public Health Component, a Statewide Academic Health Center Component, and an Administrative Component in the Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening, and Treatment Program; requiring the annual budget bill to specify the amount of funding that is allocated to each of these components; requiring certain baseline studies to be conducted; providing that, with certain exceptions, certain components of this Act may not be implemented until after the baseline studies have been completed; clarifying that the Cigarette Restitution Fund may be used to fund the programs established under this Act; requiring the annual budget bill to include a certain provision relating to the Cigarette Restitution Fund; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to include certain information relating to the Cigarette Restitution Fund in the budget books each year; providing that certain parts of