

CHAPTER 307

(Senate Bill 791)

AN ACT concerning

Oral Health ~~Program~~ Programs - Reducing Oral Cancer Mortality

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish ~~a program~~ the Oral Health Program to prevent and detect oral cancer in the State ~~with a certain focus and intent; providing for~~ targeting the program to ~~target~~ the needs of high-risk underserved populations; requiring the ~~program~~ Secretary, in consultation with certain providers, to develop and implement certain programs to train health care providers to screen and refer patients with oral cancers; ~~providing for the promotion of and to promote~~ certain smoking cessation programs; ~~providing for the education to prevent and detect oral cancer of certain citizens of the State;~~ requiring the Secretary to establish ~~a~~ the Prevent Oral Cancer Pilot Program to screen, refer, and treat certain adults; providing that the pilot program may be undertaken in conjunction with certain other initiatives; requiring the Secretary to evaluate the pilot program and to submit a report certain reports annually to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Oral Health Advisory Committee to make certain recommendations; providing for the funding of certain programs established under the provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to ~~an oral health program to prevent and detect oral cancer in the State~~ the Oral Health Program and the Prevent Oral Cancer Pilot Program.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 18-801 through ~~18-804~~ 18-803 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8. Oral Health Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 8. ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM.

18-801.

THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH AND PROMOTE A THE ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM TO PREVENT AND DETECT ORAL CANCER IN THE STATE, WITH A PRIMARY FOCUS OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF HIGH-RISK UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS, WITH THE INTENT TO REDUCE ORAL CANCER MORTALITY.