

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

Article 70B - Department of Aging

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE INNOVATIONS IN AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(3) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE INNOVATIONS IN AGING SERVICES PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(B) THERE IS AN INNOVATIONS IN AGING SERVICES PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE COMPETITIVE FUNDING GRANTS TO DESIGN AND TEST INNOVATIVE IDEAS IN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR OLDER INDIVIDUALS, PUBLICLY DISSEMINATE THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS, AND HELP MEET THE NEED FOR TRAINED PERSONNEL PROVIDING SERVICES FOR MARYLAND'S SENIOR POPULATION.

(D) (1) THERE IS AN INNOVATIONS IN AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) THE COUNCIL IS A 14-MEMBER COUNCIL.

(3) IN ADDITION TO THE SECRETARY, THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL INCLUDE:

(I) NINE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY AS FOLLOWS:

1. FIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY;

2. TWO MEMBERS REPRESENTING SENIOR CONSUMERS OF AGING SERVICES;

3. AN AREA AGENCY ON AGING DIRECTOR; AND

4. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND.

(II) THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARYLAND COMMISSION ON AGING OR THE CHAIRMAN'S DESIGNEE;

(III) THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE OR HIS DESIGNEE;

(IV) ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND