

requires the Maryland Medbank Program to be administered by Medbank of Maryland, Inc. This legislation also provides that the Medbank Program shall be funded by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Senate Bill 334, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 143.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 143

AN ACT concerning

~~Maryland Health Care Foundation~~ — Maryland Medbank Program — Administration, Extension, and Funding

FOR the purpose of extending the termination date of the Maryland Medbank Program ~~administered by the Maryland Health Care Foundation~~; requiring the Maryland Medbank Program to be administered by Medbank of Maryland, Inc.; requiring Medbank of Maryland, Inc. to contract with certain entities to operate the Program; providing that the Program shall be funded entirely by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring Medbank of Maryland, Inc. to ensure that the Program is available to residents in certain geographic regions of the State; repealing certain provisions relating to the use of certain regional offices and providing that Medbank of Maryland, Inc. shall be the central coordinating office for the State; requiring the Department to require certain financial reports from Medbank of Maryland, Inc.; requiring Medbank of Maryland, Inc. to release funds to certain entities; requiring the Department and Medbank of Maryland, Inc. to report certain information to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; authorizing Maryland Medbank Program funds to be used to distribute medication to enrollees under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to request funding for a certain purpose; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Medbank Program administered by the Maryland Health Care Foundation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article — Health — General

Section 15-124.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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Chapter 134 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001, as amended by
Chapter 153 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002