

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved April 25, 2002.

CHAPTER 162

(Senate Bill 451)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Care Foundation - Health Disparities

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Health Care Foundation to provide financial support to programs that ~~eliminate~~ reduce health disparities for Marylanders; ~~requiring that the Foundation promote public awareness of the need to provide certain care for Marylanders without health insurance and the need to eliminate health disparities associated with poverty, gender, and race;~~ requiring the Foundation to develop certain criteria for awarding grants to programs addressing health care disparities; requiring that the Foundation consider a certain geographical balance and that the geographical balance consider certain provisions; and generally relating to the Maryland Health Care Foundation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 20-502, ~~20-506(a)~~, 20-507(a), and 20-508

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 20-506(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapters 134 and 135 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The United States ranks below most industrialized nations in health status as measured by longevity, sickness, and mortality; and

WHEREAS, This poor ranking in health status is attributed in large measure to the lower status of America's minority populations; and