

CHAPTER 443

(Senate Bill 22)

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program Task Force**

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a certain osteoporosis prevention and education program; specifying certain purposes of this Act; requiring the Department to develop a certain public education and outreach campaign, to develop certain educational materials and professional education programs, and to develop, maintain, and distribute a list of certain providers; establishing an Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Task Force in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations to the Department about certain osteoporosis initiatives~~ *Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to designate the chairman of the Task Force; requiring the Department to provide staff for the Task Force; requiring the Department Task Force to conduct a certain needs assessment; requiring the Task Force to make certain recommendations to the Department about certain osteoporosis initiatives and to gather certain data; authorizing the Task Force to hold public hearings and solicit information from certain persons; requiring the Department annually to make a certain evaluation and to submit a certain report; establishing an Osteoporosis Advisory Council in the Department; providing for the composition, authority, meeting procedure, staff, and chairperson of the Council; making provisions for the compensation, terms, vacancies, and removal of Council members; authorizing the Department to accept certain grants, services, and property; requiring the Department to seek a certain federal waiver; requiring the Task Force to carry out its responsibilities to the extent funding is available;* authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a certain ~~program~~ Task Force concerning osteoporosis in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article - Health - General  
Section 1-101(a) and (c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to  
Article - Health - General  
Section 13-1601 through ~~13-1610~~ ~~13-1608~~ 13-1606 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 16. Osteoporosis Prevention and Education ~~Program~~ Task Force"  
Annotated Code of Maryland