

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

**Article - Health - General**

20-904.

(d) The plan shall include recommendations to coordinate existing programs related to health care disparities by:

- (1) Identifying available funding;
- (2) Identifying any gaps in service delivery based on gender, race, ethnicity, and poverty;
- (3) Reducing the duplication of available health care services;
- (4) Reducing the fragmentation of health care services; [and]
- (5) Identifying outcome measures to reduce health care disparities; AND
- (6) ASSESSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION TO BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES THAT WOULD ASSIST THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES.

**Article - State Government**

SUBTITLE ~~3A~~ 10. OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES.

~~9-3A-01.~~ 20-1001.

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

- (~~B~~) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION.
- (~~C~~) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.
- (~~D~~) (B) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES.
- (~~E~~) (C) "MINORITY PERSON" INCLUDES AFRICAN AMERICANS, HISPANICS, ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS, AND AMERICAN INDIANS STATEWIDE.
- (~~F~~) (D) "OFFICE" MEANS THE MARYLAND OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES ESTABLISHED UNDER ~~§ 9-3A-02~~ § 20-1002 OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- (~~G~~) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.