

~~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.~~

~~9-3A-02. 20-1002.~~

THERE IS AN OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

~~9-3A-03. 20-1003.~~

~~(A) THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH IS THE DIRECTOR OF MINORITY AFFAIRS.~~

(B) THE DIRECTOR SHALL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.

~~9-3A-04. 20-1004.~~

THE OFFICE SHALL:

(1) BE AN ADVOCATE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MINORITY HEALTH CARE BY WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON ITS OWN, OR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE FORUMS, PROGRAMS, OR INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC REGARDING MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES ISSUES, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLES;

(2) ASSIST THE SECRETARY IN IDENTIFYING, COORDINATING AND ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND RESOURCES THAT THE STATE SHOULD PROVIDE FOR MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES ISSUES;