

WHEREAS, Men whose prostate cancer is detected in the earlier stages have a 5-year survival rate of 94%, while men whose prostate cancer is diagnosed in advanced stages have a 5-year survival rate of 30%; and

WHEREAS, The Prostate Cancer National Blueprint for Action calls for screening and treatment, health promotion and education, education and support for parents, and public policy action; and

WHEREAS, Due to the increased public awareness of prostate cancer, programs should be established for prostate cancer education, early detection, and treatment services for underserved populations; now, therefore,

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

**Article - Health - General**

**SUBTITLE 25. ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.**

13-2501.

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

(B) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.

(C) "UNINSURED MEN" MEANS MEN FOR WHOM SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM ARE NOT COVERED BY PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE, THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, OR MEDICARE.

13-2502.

THERE IS A ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY PROSTATE CANCER PILOT PROGRAM.

13-2503.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO FUND PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING AND TREATMENT SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE PROSTATE CANCER EDUCATION TO MEN RESIDING IN ~~SOUTHERN MARYLAND~~ CHARLES COUNTY.