

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

House Bill 769

AN ACT concerning

Disease Prevention – Sexually Transmitted Diseases – Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of establishing the Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program in the Baltimore City Health Department; providing for the purpose of the Program; authorizing certain health care providers to ~~prescribe, dispense,~~ dispense or otherwise provide certain antibiotic therapy to certain partners of patients diagnosed with certain sexually transmitted diseases without making a certain physical assessment; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene ~~and the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department~~ to adopt jointly certain regulations; ~~establishing civil immunity for certain health care providers in certain circumstances;~~ requiring the Baltimore City Health Department to report to the Governor and General Assembly regarding the operation and performance of the Program on or before a certain date each year; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and the Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot Program.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 18-214.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

18-214.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "COMMISSIONER" MEANS THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.