

- ~~(IV) THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION;~~
~~(V) THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION;~~
~~(VI) THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS;~~
~~(VII) THE MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL FACULTY OF MARYLAND;~~
~~(VIII) THE MARYLAND RADIOLOGY ASSOCIATION;~~
~~(IX) THE MARYLAND AMBULATORY SURGERY ASSOCIATION;~~
~~(X) ARM IN ARM; AND~~
~~(XI) OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in addition to the provisions of this Act, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor include in the annual State budget for Fiscal Year 1999 an appropriation to the Breast Cancer Screening Program of at least \$2,600,000.~~

~~(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:~~

- ~~(1) ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM;~~
AND
~~(2) WORK WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO ASSURE THAT BREAST CANCER SCREENING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO WOMEN AT LEAST 40 YEARS OLD.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 1999, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on its progress and its plans for implementation, of the Breast Cancer Program, including funding for screening, diagnosis, and treatment, established under § 20-116 of the Health - General Article.~~

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved April 28, 1998.

CHAPTER 115

(House Bill 766)

AN ACT concerning

Breast Cancer Screening Program

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ ~~authorizing~~ *requiring* the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish a Breast Cancer ~~Screening~~ Program; specifying that the Program is to be administered by the local health departments in a