

HOUSE BILL 1487

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By: **Delegate Wells**

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Assigned to: Health

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Baltimore City Mobile Infant and Maternal Health Pilot**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Baltimore City Mobile Infant and Maternal Health
5 Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Secretary to
6 consult with the Baltimore City Health Department in the development and
7 implementation of the Program; and generally relating to the Baltimore City Mobile
8 Infant and Maternal Health Pilot Program.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General

11 Section 13–5901 through 13–5905 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 59.
12 Baltimore City Mobile Infant and Maternal Health Pilot Program”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **SUBTITLE 59. BALTIMORE CITY MOBILE INFANT AND MATERNAL HEALTH PILOT**
19 **PROGRAM.**

20 **13–5901.**

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) “MOBILE HEALTH UNIT” MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE EQUIPPED TO**
2 **DELIVER HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING PRIMARY CARE, SCREENINGS, AND**
3 **PREVENTIVE SERVICES, DIRECTLY TO UNDERSERVED OR VULNERABLE**
4 **COMMUNITIES.**

5 **(C) “MOMMOBILE” MEANS THE BALTIMORE CITY MOBILE INFANT AND**
6 **MATERNAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM.**

7 **13-5902.**

8 **THERE IS A BALTIMORE CITY MOBILE INFANT AND MATERNAL HEALTH**
9 **PILOT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

10 **13-5903.**

11 **THE PURPOSE OF MOMMOBILE IS TO USE MOBILE HEALTH UNITS TO BRING**
12 **POSTPARTUM CARE DIRECTLY TO BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOODS TO:**

13 **(1) DELIVER POSTPARTUM CHECKUPS, MENTAL HEALTH**
14 **SCREENINGS, AND CARE COORDINATION;**

15 **(2) ALLOW HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, INCLUDING MIDWIVES AND**
16 **DOULAS, TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY COMPETENT CARE;**

17 **(3) REDUCE TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS AND IMPROVE**
18 **POSTPARTUM VISIT ATTENDANCE;**

19 **(4) IMPROVE THE IDENTIFICATION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RISKS**
20 **AND SUPPORT REFERRALS TO SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS IN**
21 **BALTIMORE CITY; AND**

22 **(5) IDENTIFY KEY METRICS THAT CAN BE USED TO ASSESS MATERNAL**
23 **HEALTH OUTCOMES.**

24 **13-5904.**

25 **THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH**
26 **DEPARTMENT, SHALL DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING FOR MOMMOBILE:**

27 **(1) THE TIME FRAME AND STEPS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH**
28 **MOMMOBILE;**

1 **(2) THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF BALTIMORE CITY IN WHICH**
2 **MOMMOBILE WILL OPERATE;**

3 **(3) FUNDING SUPPORT FOR MOMMOBILE, INCLUDING**
4 **ESTABLISHING PARTNERSHIPS TO USE EXISTING MOBILE HEALTH UNITS IN**
5 **BALTIMORE CITY;**

6 **(4) THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO SUPPORT MOMMOBILE;**

7 **(5) SERVICES THAT WILL BE OFFERED THROUGH MOMMOBILE;**

8 **(6) A PLAN TO STAFF THE MOBILE HEALTH UNITS WITH APPROPRIATE**
9 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR THE SERVICES IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (5) OF THIS**
10 **SECTION; AND**

11 **(7) A PLAN TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MOMMOBILE,**
12 **INCLUDING FEEDBACK FROM HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS.**

13 **13-5905.**

14 **ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2027, THE**
15 **SECRETARY SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
16 **2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**
17 **AND THE HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MOMMOBILE.**

18 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
19 **October 1, 2026.**