

# SENATE BILL 163

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Community Health Workers – Advisory Committee and**  
3 **Certification**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee;  
5 providing for the composition of the Advisory Committee; providing for the  
6 qualifications, terms, and removal of certain members of the Advisory Committee;  
7 providing for the chair and officers of the Advisory Committee; specifying that a  
8 majority of the members then serving on the Advisory Committee is a quorum;  
9 requiring the Advisory Committee to meet at least a certain number of times each  
10 year at certain times and places to make certain recommendations; requiring the  
11 Maryland Department of Health to provide certain support and technical assistance  
12 to the Advisory Committee; specifying that an Advisory Committee member is  
13 entitled to certain reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Advisory  
14 Committee to advise the Department on certain matters relating to the certification  
15 and training of community health workers; requiring the Department to adopt  
16 certain regulations for accrediting community health worker training programs;  
17 requiring the Department to adopt regulations relating to the certification of  
18 community health workers; specifying the duties of the Department regarding the  
19 certification of community health workers; authorizing the Department to certify an  
20 individual to practice as a community health worker in the State; establishing  
21 qualifications for a certain certification; establishing certain certification  
22 application, issuance, and renewal procedures; establishing procedures for placing a  
23 certificate on inactive status, reactivating a certificate, and providing notice for  
24 nonrenewal of a certificate; establishing the State Community Health Workers  
25 Fund; authorizing the Department to set certain fees for a certain purpose; providing  
26 for the purpose, operation, and uses of the Fund; specifying that the Fund is a special,  
27 nonlapsing fund not subject to a certain provision of law; prohibiting unspent  
28 portions of the Fund from reverting to the General Fund; specifying that a person  
29 who gives certain information to the Department or Advisory Committee or  
30 otherwise participates in certain activities has a certain immunity from liability;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 providing for the terms of the initial appointed members of the Advisory Committee;  
2 requiring the Advisory Committee to hold its first meeting within a certain time  
3 period after the Governor has appointed the last initial member of the Advisory  
4 Committee; declaring the intent of the General Assembly regarding the initial  
5 funding of certain Department activities and reimbursement of the General Fund  
6 under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the  
7 State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee and the certification of  
8 community health workers.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General

11 Section 13–3601 through 13–3609 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 36.  
12 Community Health Workers”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 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 36. COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS.**

19 **13–3601.**

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

22 (B) “ADVISORY COMMITTEE” MEANS THE STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH  
23 WORKER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

24 (C) “COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER” MEANS A FRONTLINE PUBLIC HEALTH  
25 WORKER WHO:

26 (1) IS A TRUSTED MEMBER OF, OR HAS AN UNUSUALLY CLOSE  
27 UNDERSTANDING OF, THE COMMUNITY BEING SERVED;

28 (2) SERVES AS A LIAISON TO, LINK TO, OR INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN  
29 HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE COMMUNITY TO:

30 (I) FACILITATE ACCESS TO SERVICES; AND

31 (II) IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND CULTURAL COMPETENCE OF  
32 SERVICE DELIVERY; AND

1           **(3) BUILDS INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY CAPACITY BY INCREASING**  
2 **HEALTH KNOWLEDGE AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY THROUGH A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES,**  
3 **INCLUDING:**

4                   **(I) OUTREACH;**

5                   **(II) COMMUNITY EDUCATION;**

6                   **(III) INFORMAL COUNSELING;**

7                   **(IV) SOCIAL SUPPORT; AND**

8                   **(V) ADVOCACY.**

9           **(D) "FUND" MEANS THE STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS FUND**  
10 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 13-3607 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

11 **13-3602.**

12           **(A) THERE IS A STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ADVISORY**  
13 **COMMITTEE.**

14           **(B) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

15                   **(1) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**  
16 **AND**

17                   **(2) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH**  
18 **THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE:**

19                           **(I) SEVEN COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS;**

20                           **(II) ONE REGISTERED NURSE WITH EXPERIENCE IN**  
21 **COMMUNITY HEALTH;**

22                           **(III) ONE LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER;**

23                           **(IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER**  
24 **TRAINING ORGANIZATION;**

25                           **(V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND PUBLIC**  
26 **HEALTH ASSOCIATION;**

1 (VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COMMUNITY-BASED  
2 EMPLOYER OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS;

3 (VII) ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE  
4 SERVICES OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS; AND

5 (VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION  
6 OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICERS.

7 (C) EACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE  
8 STATE.

9 (D) (1) THE TERM OF AN APPOINTED MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.

10 (2) THE TERMS OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS  
11 REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR THE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE  
12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 1, 2018.

13 (3) AT THE END OF A TERM, AN APPOINTED MEMBER CONTINUES TO  
14 SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

15 (4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES  
16 ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND  
17 QUALIFIES.

18 (5) AN APPOINTED MEMBER MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO  
19 CONSECUTIVE FULL TERMS.

20 (6) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL FILL ANY  
21 VACANCY ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE  
22 VACANCY.

23 (E) (1) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE AN APPOINTED MEMBER FOR  
24 INCOMPETENCE, MISCONDUCT, INCAPACITY, OR NEGLECT OF DUTY.

25 (2) ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY, THE GOVERNOR  
26 MAY REMOVE AN APPOINTED MEMBER WHOM THE SECRETARY FINDS TO HAVE BEEN  
27 ABSENT FROM TWO SUCCESSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS WITHOUT  
28 ADEQUATE REASON.

29 13-3603.

30 (A) (1) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE,  
31 SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

1           **(2) (I) FROM AMONG ITS APPOINTED MEMBERS, THE ADVISORY**  
2 **COMMITTEE ANNUALLY SHALL ELECT A VICE CHAIR AND A SECRETARY.**

3           **(II) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE:**

4                   **1. THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR AND**  
5 **THE SECRETARY; AND**

6                   **2. THE DUTIES OF EACH OFFICER.**

7           **(B) A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS THEN SERVING ON THE ADVISORY**  
8 **COMMITTEE IS A QUORUM.**

9           **(C) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWO TIMES EACH**  
10 **YEAR, AT THE TIMES AND PLACES THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DETERMINES,**  
11 **TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE ITEMS LISTED UNDER § 13-3604 OF**  
12 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

13           **(D) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS ENTITLED TO**  
14 **REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL**  
15 **REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

16           **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL**  
17 **ASSISTANCE FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

18 **13-3604.**

19           **THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON:**

20                   **(1) COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TRAINING, INCLUDING TIERS OF**  
21 **TRAINING;**

22                   **(2) FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATES AND**  
23 **OTHER SERVICES;**

24                   **(3) GRANDFATHERING PROVISIONS;**

25                   **(4) CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED FOR**  
26 **CERTIFICATION;**

27                   **(5) CRITERIA FOR THE DENIAL OF A CERTIFICATION APPLICATION,**  
28 **REPRIMAND OF A CERTIFICATE HOLDER, PLACING A CERTIFICATE HOLDER ON**  
29 **PROBATION, OR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A CERTIFICATE;**

1           **(6) HEARING PROCEDURES BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT TAKES ANY**  
2 **DISCIPLINARY ACTION LISTED UNDER ITEM (5) OF THIS SECTION;**

3           **(7) APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR A PERSON AGGRIEVED BY A DECISION**  
4 **OF THE DEPARTMENT;**

5           **(8) CRITERIA FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF A SUSPENDED OR**  
6 **REVOKED CERTIFICATE; AND**

7           **(9) PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

8 **13-3605.**

9           **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING A**  
10 **PROCEDURE FOR ACCREDITING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TRAINING**  
11 **PROGRAMS.**

12           **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

13           **(1) ADOPT INITIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF**  
14 **COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS THAT ESTABLISH:**

15           **(i) THAT ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO COMPLETES A COMMUNITY**  
16 **HEALTH WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER**  
17 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS A QUALIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER**  
18 **APPLICANT; AND**

19           **(ii) AN INITIAL FEE FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY**  
20 **HEALTH WORKERS, NOT TO EXCEED \$75, WHICH SHALL BE ADJUSTED AS ADVISED**  
21 **BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE;**

22           **(2) ADOPT ANY ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE**  
23 **ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
24 **WORKERS;**

25           **(3) KEEP A CURRENT RECORD OF ALL CERTIFIED COMMUNITY**  
26 **HEALTH WORKERS;**

27           **(4) COLLECT AND ACCOUNT FOR FEES PROVIDED FOR UNDER THIS**  
28 **SUBTITLE;**

1           **(5) PAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH CERTIFYING**  
2 **COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET;**

3           **(6) KEEP A COMPLETE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO**  
4 **CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS; AND**

5           **(7) SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AN ANNUAL REPORT OF ITS**  
6 **ACTIVITIES RELATING TO COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS THAT INCLUDES:**

7                   **(I) A FINANCIAL STATEMENT; AND**

8                   **(II) A PLAN FOR SPECIAL FUND REVENUES.**

9 **13-3606.**

10           **(A) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CERTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL TO PRACTICE AS A**  
11 **COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER IN THE STATE.**

12           **(B) TO QUALIFY FOR CERTIFICATION, AN APPLICANT SHALL:**

13                   **(1) HAVE COMPLETED A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER TRAINING**  
14 **PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 13-3605 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**  
15 **AND**

16                   **(2) MEET ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE**  
17 **DEPARTMENT.**

18           **(C) TO APPLY FOR CERTIFICATION AS A COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER, AN**  
19 **APPLICANT SHALL:**

20                   **(1) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE FORM**  
21 **THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES; AND**

22                   **(2) PAY ANY FEE AND SUBMIT ANY ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**  
23 **REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

24           **(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO ANY APPLICANT**  
25 **WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

26           **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE ON EACH CERTIFICATE THAT THE**  
27 **DEPARTMENT ISSUES:**

28                   **(1) THE FULL NAME OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER;**

1           **(2) THE DATES OF ISSUANCE AND EXPIRATION;**

2           **(3) A SERIAL NUMBER; AND**

3           **(4) THE SIGNATURE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATIVE.**

4           **(F) (1) A CERTIFICATE EXPIRES ON THE DATE SPECIFIED ON THE**  
5 **CERTIFICATE, UNLESS IT IS RENEWED FOR A 2-YEAR TERM AS PROVIDED IN THIS**  
6 **SUBSECTION.**

7           **(2) AT LEAST 1 MONTH BEFORE THE CERTIFICATE EXPIRES, THE**  
8 **DEPARTMENT SHALL SEND TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER, BY ELECTRONIC MEANS**  
9 **OR BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL, A RENEWAL NOTICE THAT STATES:**

10                   **(I) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CURRENT CERTIFICATE EXPIRES;**

11                   **(II) THE DATE BY WHICH THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MUST BE**  
12 **RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED**  
13 **BEFORE THE CERTIFICATE EXPIRES;**

14                   **(III) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE; AND**

15                   **(IV) THE HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED FOR**  
16 **RENEWAL OF THE CERTIFICATION.**

17           **(3) BEFORE THE CERTIFICATE EXPIRES, THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER**  
18 **MAY RENEW THE CERTIFICATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 2-YEAR TERM IF THE**  
19 **CERTIFICATE HOLDER:**

20                   **(I) OTHERWISE IS ENTITLED TO BE CERTIFIED;**

21                   **(II) PAYS THE RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE DEPARTMENT;**

22                   **(III) SUBMITS A RENEWAL APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT**  
23 **THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES; AND**

24                   **(IV) SUBMITS PROOF THAT DURING THE PREVIOUS 2-YEAR**  
25 **PERIOD, THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER HAS COMPLETED ANY CONTINUING EDUCATION**  
26 **REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

27           **(4) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RENEW THE CERTIFICATE OF**  
28 **EACH CERTIFICATE HOLDER WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**



1                   **(II) THE RENEWAL CERTIFICATE SHALL USE THE SAME SERIAL**  
2 **NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER AT THE TIME OF THE ORIGINAL**  
3 **CERTIFICATION.**

4           **(G) A CERTIFICATE HOLDER SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF ANY**  
5 **CHANGE IN THE ADDRESS OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE**  
6 **CHANGE OCCURS.**

7           **(H) (1) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PLACE A CERTIFIED COMMUNITY**  
8 **HEALTH WORKER ON INACTIVE STATUS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 4 YEARS IF**  
9 **THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER:**

10                   **1. SUBMITS A WRITTEN APPLICATION FOR INACTIVE**  
11 **STATUS ON A FORM THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES; AND**

12                   **2. PAYS THE INACTIVE STATUS FEE SET BY THE**  
13 **DEPARTMENT.**

14                   **(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO A CERTIFIED**  
15 **COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WHO IS PLACED ON INACTIVE STATUS WRITTEN**  
16 **NOTIFICATION OF:**

17                   **1. THE DATE THE CERTIFICATE HAS EXPIRED OR WILL**  
18 **EXPIRE;**

19                   **2. THE DATE THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
20 **WORKER'S INACTIVE STATUS BECAME EFFECTIVE;**

21                   **3. THE DATE THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
22 **WORKER'S INACTIVE STATUS EXPIRES; AND**

23                   **4. THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT REACTIVATING THE**  
24 **CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE INACTIVE STATUS EXPIRES.**

25                   **(III) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REACTIVATE THE CERTIFICATE**  
26 **OF A CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WHO IS ON INACTIVE STATUS IF THE**  
27 **CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER:**

28                   **1. APPLIES TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR REACTIVATION**  
29 **OF THE CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE INACTIVE STATUS EXPIRES;**

30                   **2. COMPLIES WITH THE CERTIFICATE RENEWAL**  
31 **REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE IN EFFECT WHEN THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
32 **WORKER APPLIES FOR REACTIVATION;**

1                   **3. HAS COMPLETED THE NUMBER OF CREDIT HOURS OF**  
2 **APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION SET BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND**

3                   **4. PAYS THE REACTIVATION PROCESSING FEE SET BY**  
4 **THE DEPARTMENT.**

5                   **(2) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PLACE A CERTIFIED COMMUNITY**  
6 **HEALTH WORKER ON NONRENEWED STATUS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 4 YEARS**  
7 **IF THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER FAILED TO RENEW THE**  
8 **CERTIFICATE FOR ANY REASON.**

9                   **(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TO A CERTIFIED**  
10 **COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WHO IS PLACED ON NONRENEWED STATUS WRITTEN**  
11 **NOTIFICATION OF:**

12                   **1. THE DATE THE CERTIFICATE EXPIRED;**

13                   **2. THE DATE THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
14 **WORKER'S NONRENEWED STATUS BECAME EFFECTIVE;**

15                   **3. THE DATE THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
16 **WORKER'S NONRENEWED STATUS EXPIRES; AND**

17                   **4. THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT REACTIVATING THE**  
18 **CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE NONRENEWED STATUS EXPIRES.**

19                   **(III) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REACTIVATE THE CERTIFICATE**  
20 **OF A CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WHO IS PLACED ON NONRENEWED**  
21 **STATUS IF THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER:**

22                   **1. APPLIES TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR REACTIVATION**  
23 **OF THE CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE NONRENEWED STATUS EXPIRES;**

24                   **2. COMPLIES WITH THE CERTIFICATE RENEWAL**  
25 **REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE IN EFFECT WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL APPLIES FOR**  
26 **REACTIVATION;**

27                   **3. HAS COMPLETED THE NUMBER OF CREDIT HOURS OF**  
28 **APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION SET BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND**

29                   **4. PAYS THE REACTIVATION PROCESSING FEE SET BY**  
30 **THE DEPARTMENT.**

1           **(3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OR (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**  
2 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REACTIVATE THE CERTIFICATE OF A CERTIFIED**  
3 **COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER WHO WAS PLACED ON INACTIVE OR NONRENEWED**  
4 **STATUS IF THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER:**

5           **(I) APPLIES TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR REACTIVATION AFTER**  
6 **THE INACTIVE OR NONRENEWED STATUS HAS EXPIRED;**

7           **(II) PAYS THE REACTIVATION PROCESSING FEE SET BY THE**  
8 **DEPARTMENT AND ANY OTHER FEES REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND**

9           **(III) PROVIDES ANY DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY THE**  
10 **DEPARTMENT ON THE FORM THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES.**

11 **13-3607.**

12           **(A) THERE IS A STATE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS FUND.**

13           **(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SET FEES AS ADVISED BY THE ADVISORY**  
14 **COMMITTEE.**

15           **(2) FUNDS TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT**  
16 **RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS SHALL BE**  
17 **GENERATED BY FEES SET UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

18           **(C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REMIT ALL FEES COLLECTED UNDER**  
19 **THIS SUBTITLE TO THE COMPTROLLER.**

20           **(2) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE FEES TO THE FUND.**

21           **(D) (1) THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO COVER THE ACTUAL DOCUMENTED**  
22 **DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF FULFILLING THE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY**  
23 **DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

24           **(2) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**  
25 **SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

26           **(3) ANY UNSPENT PORTION OF THE FUND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED**  
27 **OR REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND BUT SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND TO BE USED**  
28 **FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBTITLE.**

29           **(4) NO OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE USED TO SUPPORT THE FUND.**

1           **(E) (1) A DESIGNEE OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE**  
2 **FUND.**

3           **(2) MONEY IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED ONLY FOR ANY LAWFUL**  
4 **PURPOSE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

5 **13-3608.**

6           **A PERSON SHALL HAVE THE IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY DESCRIBED IN §**  
7 **5-702 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT**  
8 **OR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES OF**  
9 **THE DEPARTMENT OR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RELATING TO COMMUNITY**  
10 **HEALTH WORKERS.**

11 **13-3609.**

12           **THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH**  
13 **WORKERS ACT.**

14           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That the terms of the initial  
15 appointed members of the State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee shall  
16 expire as follows:

- 17           (1) three members in 2020;
- 18           (2) three members in 2021;
- 19           (3) four members in 2022; and
- 20           (4) four members in 2023.

21           **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That the State Community Health  
22 Worker Advisory Committee shall hold its first meeting within 30 days after the Governor  
23 has appointed the last of the initial appointed members of the Advisory Committee.

24           **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That it is the intent of the General  
25 Assembly that the Governor provide funds in the fiscal year 2019 State budget at a level  
26 sufficient to allow the Maryland Department of Health to begin accrediting community  
27 health worker training programs and certifying community health workers, and that when  
28 special funds become available for the certification of community health workers, the  
29 special funds be used to reimburse the General Fund for the cost of starting up the  
30 Department's activities related to community health workers.

31           **SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect  
32 October 1, 2018.