

SENATE BILL 883

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By: **Senator Watson**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2022

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Sickle Cell Disease – Testing at a Community–Based Health Fair**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to authorize certain
4 persons to offer and perform testing for detecting sickle cell disease at a
5 community–based health fair; authorizing the person to provide information on and
6 resources for living with sickle cell disease while performing testing at a
7 community–based health fair; and generally relating to testing for sickle cell disease.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 18–508

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 **18–508.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “COMMUNITY–BASED HEALTH FAIR” MEANS AN EVENT**
18 **THAT SEEKS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH THAT IS SPONSORED BY:**

19 **(1) THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, OR A LOCAL**
20 **GOVERNMENT;**

21 **(2) A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION**
22 **UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; OR**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION THAT HAS THE STATED**
2 **PURPOSE OF PROMOTING PUBLIC HEALTH.**

3 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AUTHORIZE A PERSON WHO IS QUALIFIED TO**
4 **OFFER OR PERFORM LABORATORY TESTING IN THE STATE, AS DETERMINED BY THE**
5 **DEPARTMENT, TO OFFER AND PERFORM LABORATORY TESTING FOR DETECTING**
6 **SICKLE CELL DISEASE AT A COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH FAIR IN THE STATE.**

7 **(C) A PERSON WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM TESTING UNDER**
8 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY PROVIDE INFORMATION ON AND RESOURCES**
9 **FOR LIVING WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE WHILE PERFORMING TESTING AT A**
10 **COMMUNITY-BASED HEALTH FAIR.**

11 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
12 **SECTION.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2022.