

Chapter 206

(House Bill 147)

AN ACT concerning

Healthy Aging Program

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Aging to accept and use grant funds to benefit Maryland's older adults under certain circumstances; establishing the Healthy Aging Program in the Department of Aging; specifying the purposes of the Program; providing for funding for the Program; authorizing the Secretary of Aging to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to the Healthy Aging Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 10–205
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Human Services
Section 10–1101 and 10–1102 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11. Healthy Aging Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2007 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Human Services

10–205.

(a) The Secretary shall prepare and submit a budget for the Department.

(b) The Secretary may accept and use any State or federal funds for the purposes specified in this title.

(C) THE SECRETARY MAY ACCEPT AND USE ANY FEDERAL OR PRIVATE GRANT FUNDS IF:

(1) THE GRANT IS FOR PURPOSES THAT WILL BENEFIT MARYLAND'S OLDER ADULTS; AND

(2) THE GRANT FUNDS ARE ACCEPTED AND ACCOUNTED FOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

SUBTITLE 11. HEALTHY AGING PROGRAM.

10-1101.

(A) THERE IS A HEALTHY AGING PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM ARE TO:

(1) PROMOTE HEALTHY AGING AND HEALTHY LIVING BY OLDER ADULTS AT BOTH THE STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS;

(2) ENCOURAGE AGING SAFELY AT HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY;

(3) RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY AGING AND AGING SAFELY FOR BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE;

(4) EVALUATE THE NEED FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF EXISTING HEALTHY AGING OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICES;

(5) IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND CONTAIN HEALTH CARE COSTS OF OLDER ADULTS;

(6) PROVIDE COMPETITIVE FUNDING GRANTS TO DESIGN AND TEST PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT HELP OLDER ADULTS ACHIEVE HEALTHY AND SAFE AGING AND HEALTHY LIVING; AND

(7) PUBLICLY DISSEMINATE THE OUTCOMES OF THE GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THE PROGRAM.

10-1102.

(A) FUNDING FOR THE HEALTHY AGING PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(B) THE SECRETARY MAY ACCEPT MONEY PROVIDED BY OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES, INCLUDING FEDERAL FUNDS, TO PROVIDE GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

(C) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, April 18, 2017.