

HOUSE BILL 1489

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By: **Delegate Hubbard**

Introduced and read first time: February 24, 2014

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Mental Health Facilities –**
3 **Accreditation**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the Secretary of Health and Mental
5 Hygiene consider accreditation of certain mental health facilities by certain
6 accrediting organizations; authorizing the Secretary to consider accreditation of
7 certain mental health facilities by an accrediting organization approved by the
8 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and generally relating to the
9 accreditation of mental health facilities and the Department of Health and
10 Mental Hygiene.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Health – General
13 Section 10–901(a)(1)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Health – General
18 Section 10–901(a)(2)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Health – General**

24 10–901.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations that set standards
2 for:

3 (i) Eligibility for State funding of local mental health programs
4 under Part I of this subtitle;

5 (ii) Qualifications of staff and quality of professional services of
6 eligible programs;

7 (iii) Eligibility for receiving services under eligible programs;
8 and

9 (iv) Accreditation of a facility as defined in § 10–101(e) of this
10 title.

11 (2) The Secretary may consider accreditation by [the Joint
12 Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) or the
13 Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), whichever is
14 appropriate,] **AN ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT**
15 as meeting the rules and regulations adopted under this subtitle.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2014.