

## HB 342 -- Prostate Cancer Imaging Technologies

Sponsor: El-Amin

This bill establishes the Prostate Research, Imaging, and Men's Education (PRIME) Act which requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish a program to expand and intensify research to develop innovative advanced imaging technologies for prostate cancer detection, diagnosis, and treatment comparable to state-of-the-art mammography technologies.

The department director must implement a statewide public awareness campaign regarding the need for prostate cancer screening and improved detection technologies and must carry out research to develop an improved prostate cancer screening blood test using in-vitro detection.

Within six months of the bill's effective date, the department director is required to submit a report to the General Assembly regarding the strategy for implementation of the bill and the status of those efforts. Within one year of the bill's effective date and annually thereafter, the department director is required to submit a report to the General Assembly assuring the provisions of the bill are fully implemented and certifying its compliance or an explanation of any noncompliance.