



Legislation Text

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Anne Arundel Medical Center - Cardiac Surgery Program - For the purpose of supporting the decision of the Maryland Health Care Commission approving the Anne Arundel Medical Center's application for a Certificate of Need to offer a cardiac surgery program within Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 32-18

**Sponsored by: Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Mayor Buckley
Alderwoman Tierney and Alderwoman Finlayson**

A RESOLUTION concerning

Anne Arundel Medical Center - Cardiac Surgery Program

FOR the purpose of supporting the decision of the Maryland Health Care Commission approving the Anne Arundel Medical Center's application for a Certificate of Need to offer a cardiac surgery program within Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

WHEREAS, the Maryland Health Care Commission approved the Anne Arundel Medical Center's application for a Certificate of Need to offer a cardiac surgery program within Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2018, the Prince George's County Circuit Court upheld the Commissions' decision to award clearance to Anne Arundel Medical Center to offer a cardiac surgery program within Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, and

WHEREAS, the UM Capital Health Region has appealed the decision of Prince George's County Circuit Court resulting in a further delay of the much needed cardiac surgery program within Annapolis and Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Annapolis seeks to promote private programs and services that benefit the health and well-being of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Anne Arundel Medical Center has been a primary and excellent partner with the City in

addressing the healthcare needs of its population for more than a century, and

WHEREAS, the absence of a cardiac surgical program is a critical gap and the only missing link in Anne Arundel Medical Center's ability to provide comprehensive cardiac services, and

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel Medical Center is the best suited medical facility to operate a cardiac surgery program within Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, and

WHEREAS, there are no cardiac surgery programs within Annapolis or Anne Arundel County, and

WHEREAS, Annapolis is the capital of the State of Maryland, and one of few state capitals in the United States without a cardiac surgery program, and

WHEREAS, access to prompt, accessible and affordable cardiac services is a critical factor in the future welfare of not only Annapolis residents, but also the hundreds of thousands of visitors it receives each year, and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Maryland Health Care Commission conducted a comparative review of Anne Arundel Medical Center's Certificate of Need application and the Commission's decision to approve Anne Arundel Medical Center's cardiac surgery program should be upheld on appeal.

EXPLANATION

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments.