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CHAPTER 234

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospitals - Uniform Emergency Security Codes for Hospitals -**
3 **Establishment and Implementation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in
5 consultation with certain associations, to develop a uniform set of emergency
6 security codes for hospitals; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations;
7 requiring hospitals to implement the provisions of certain regulations within a
8 certain time; and generally relating to a uniform set of emergency security codes
9 for hospitals.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Health - General
12 Section 19-308.6
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article - Health - General**

18 19-308.6.

19 (A) THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF
20 MARYLAND HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS AND THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION
21 OF HOSPITAL SECURITY AND SAFETY DIRECTORS, SHALL DEVELOP A UNIFORM SET
22 OF EMERGENCY SECURITY CODES FOR HOSPITALS.

1 (B) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE
2 UNIFORM SET OF EMERGENCY SECURITY CODES.

3 (C) EACH HOSPITAL IN MARYLAND SHALL IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF
4 THE UNIFORM SET OF EMERGENCY SECURITY CODES FOR HOSPITALS WITHIN 2
5 YEARS OF THE ADOPTION OF THE REGULATIONS BY THE SECRETARY.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 June 1, 2001.