

HOUSE BILL 1062

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By: **Delegates Cullison, Costa, Elliott, Kach, A. Kelly, Krebs, Oaks, and Reznik**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospitals – Notice to Patients – Outpatient Status and Billing Implications**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a hospital, under certain circumstances, to provide
4 certain notice to a patient of the patient's outpatient status and the billing
5 implications of the outpatient status; requiring the Department of Health and
6 Mental Hygiene, in consultation with certain hospitals, to adopt by regulation
7 ~~standard language for~~ standardized elements to be included in a certain written
8 notice; and generally relating to notices provided by hospitals to patients.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 19–349.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **19–349.1.**

18 **(A) A HOSPITAL SHALL PROVIDE ORAL AND WRITTEN NOTICE TO A**
19 **PATIENT OF THE PATIENT'S OUTPATIENT STATUS AND THE BILLING**
20 **IMPLICATIONS OF THE OUTPATIENT STATUS IF:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (1) THE PATIENT RECEIVES ON-SITE SERVICES FROM THE
2 HOSPITAL FOR MORE THAN ~~18~~ 23 CONSECUTIVE HOURS;

3 (2) THE ON-SITE SERVICES RECEIVED BY THE PATIENT INCLUDE
4 A HOSPITAL BED AND MEALS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IN AN AREA OF THE
5 HOSPITAL OTHER THAN THE EMERGENCY ROOM; AND

6 (3) THE PATIENT IS CLASSIFIED AS AN OUTPATIENT AT THE
7 HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION RATHER THAN AN ADMITTED INPATIENT.

8 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH HOSPITALS IN THE**
9 **STATE, SHALL ADOPT BY REGULATION ~~STANDARD LANGUAGE FOR~~**
10 **STANDARDIZED ELEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN NOTICE**
11 **REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.