

# HOUSE BILL 963

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospitals – Requirements for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations**  
3 **and Reporting**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain hospitals provide sexual assault medical  
5 forensic examinations by forensic nurse examiners to certain victims; requiring  
6 certain hospitals to report certain information to the Department of Health and  
7 Mental Hygiene on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to  
8 hospitals and requirements for sexual assault medical forensic examinations  
9 and reporting.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 19–310.2

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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 **19–310.2.**

19 **(A) EACH HOSPITAL THAT PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
20 **SHALL PROVIDE A SEXUAL ASSAULT MEDICAL FORENSIC EXAMINATION BY A**  
21 **FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINER TO A VICTIM OF AN ALLEGED RAPE OR SEXUAL**  
22 **OFFENSE WHO ARRIVES AT THE HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 10 OF EACH YEAR, EACH HOSPITAL SHALL**  
2 **REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS PERFORMED**  
3 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR.**

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