

# SENATE BILL 694

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Assisted Living Education on Influenza**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each assisted living program to provide its residents with  
4 educational material on the influenza virus in a certain manner on or before a certain  
5 date each year; requiring that the educational material include certain information;  
6 prohibiting an assisted living program from being required to pay for or provide an  
7 influenza virus vaccine, unless otherwise required by law; and generally relating to  
8 educational material on the influenza virus provided by assisted living program  
9 facilities.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 19–1813

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **19–1813.**

19 **(A) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, EACH ASSISTED LIVING**  
20 **PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE ITS RESIDENTS WITH EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ON THE**  
21 **INFLUENZA VIRUS BY POSTING THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL IN EACH ASSISTED**  
22 **LIVING PROGRAM FACILITY.**

23 **(B) THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL**  
24 **INCLUDE:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(1) THE MOST RECENT INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINATION**  
2 **RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON**  
3 **IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES AND PUBLISHED IN THE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY**  
4 **WEEKLY REPORT BY THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND**  
5 **PREVENTION;**

6           **(2) THE AVAILABILITY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND KNOWN**  
7 **CONTRAINDICATIONS OF IMMUNIZATION AGAINST THE INFLUENZA VIRUS;**

8           **(3) THE CAUSES AND SYMPTOMS OF THE INFLUENZA VIRUS; AND**

9           **(4) THE MEANS BY WHICH THE INFLUENZA VIRUS IS SPREAD.**

10          **(C) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM**  
11 **MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR OR PROVIDE AN INFLUENZA VIRUS**  
12 **VACCINATION.**

13          SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
14 1, 2018.