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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Care Facility - Employee Name Tags**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each health care facility in the State to ensure that its
4 employees and certain other individuals wear a personal identification tag that
5 contains certain personal and professional information; authorizing the
6 Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations and to
7 take appropriate sanctions against a health care facility under certain
8 circumstances; and generally relating to a certain requirement concerning name
9 tags for health care facility employees and others.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article - Health - General
12 Section 1-101(a) and (i)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article - Health - General
17 Section 19-101(f)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article - Health - General
22 Section 19-102.1
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

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Article - Health - General

2 1-101.

3 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (i) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

5 19-101.

6 (f) (1) "Health care facility" means:

7 (i) A hospital, as defined in § 19-301 of this title;

8 (ii) A related institution, as defined in § 19-301 of this title;

9 (iii) An ambulatory surgical facility;

10 (iv) An inpatient facility that is organized primarily to help in the
11 rehabilitation of disabled individuals, through an integrated program of medical and
12 other services provided under competent professional supervision;

13 (v) A home health agency, as defined in § 19-401 of this title;

14 (vi) A hospice, as defined in § 19-901 of this title; and

15 (vii) Any other health institution, service, or program for which Part
16 I of this subtitle requires a certificate of need.

17 (2) "Health care facility" does not include:

18 (i) A hospital or related institution that is operated, or is listed and
19 certified, by the First Church of Christ Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts;20 (ii) For the purpose of providing an exemption from a certificate of
21 need under § 19-115 of this subtitle, a facility to provide comprehensive care
22 constructed by a provider of continuing care, as defined by Article 70B of the Code, if:23 1. The facility is for the exclusive use of the provider's
24 subscribers who have executed continuing care agreements for the purpose of
25 utilizing independent living units or domiciliary care within the continuing care
26 facility;27 2. The number of comprehensive care nursing beds in the
28 facility does not exceed 20 percent of the number of independent living units at the
29 continuing care community; and30 3. The facility is located on the campus of the continuing care
31 facility;

1 (iii) Except for a facility to provide kidney transplant services or
2 programs, a kidney disease treatment facility, as defined by rule or regulation of the
3 United States Department of Health and Human Services;

4 (iv) Except for kidney transplant services or programs, the kidney
5 disease treatment stations and services provided by or on behalf of a hospital or
6 related institution; or

7 (v) The office of one or more individuals licensed to practice
8 dentistry under Title 4 of the Health Occupations Article, for the purposes of
9 practicing dentistry.

10 19-102.1.

11 (A) EACH HEALTH CARE FACILITY IN THE STATE SHALL ENSURE THAT ITS
12 EMPLOYEES AND ANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO PROVIDE A HEALTH CARE SERVICE
13 WITHIN OR ON THE PREMISES OF THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY WEAR A PERSONAL
14 IDENTIFICATION TAG THAT INDICATES:

15 (1) THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL; AND

16 (2) THE PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER TITLE OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

17 (B) THE SECRETARY MAY:

18 (1) ADOPT ANY REGULATION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION;
19 AND

20 (2) TAKE APPROPRIATE SANCTIONS AGAINST A HEALTH CARE FACILITY
21 THAT FAILS TO TAKE THE ACTION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
22 SECTION.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 1998.