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By: Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee (Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)

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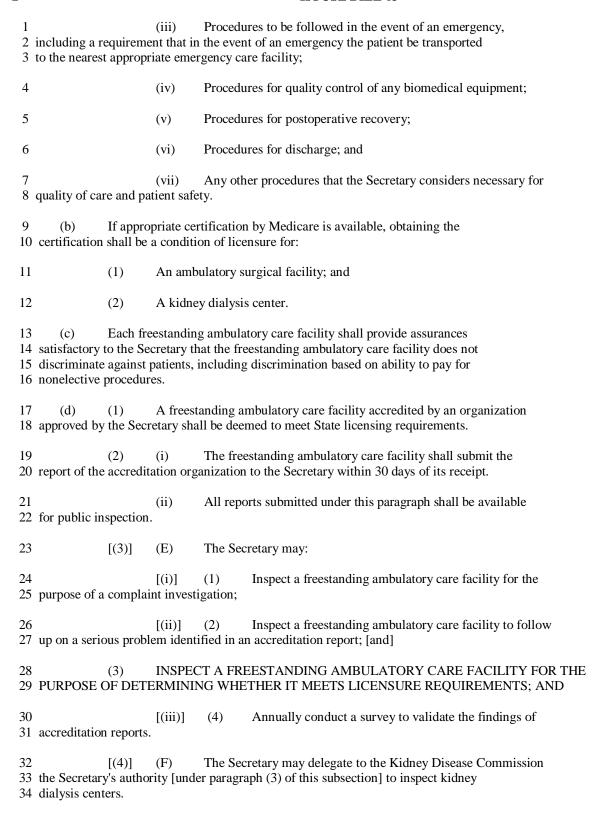
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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning	

- 2 Freestanding Ambulatory Care Facilities Inspections
- 3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to
- 4 inspect an ambulatory care facility for the purpose of determining whether it
- 5 meets certain licensure requirements; clarifying the authority of the Secretary
- of Health and Mental Hygiene to delegate the inspection of kidney dialysis
- 7 facilities to the Kidney Disease Commission; and generally relating to the
- 8 inspection of ambulatory care facilities and kidney dialysis centers.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Health General
- 11 Section 19-3B-03
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 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 19-3B-03.
- 18 (a) After consultation with representatives of payors, health care
- 19 practitioners, and ambulatory care facilities, the Secretary shall by regulation
- 20 establish:
- 21 (1) Procedures to implement the provisions of this subtitle; and
- 22 (2) Standards to ensure quality of care and patient safety that shall
- 23 include:
- 24 (i) Procedures for credentialing and peer review;
- 25 (ii) Qualifications of health care practitioners and support
- 26 personnel;

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take 2 effect October 1, 1999.