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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Cancer Registry - Deaths Caused by Cancer**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain facilities and physicians to report to the
4 Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene certain information
5 on deaths caused by cancer; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the
6 Maryland Cancer Registry.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Health - General
9 Section 18-204
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Health - General**

15 18-204.

16 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (2) "Cancer report" means a 1-time abstract of the medical record of a
18 patient diagnosed or treated for cancer which contains:

19 (i) Reasonably obtained patient demographic information,
20 including risk factors;

21 (ii) Relevant information on the:

22 1. Initial diagnosis;

23 2. Initial treatment;

24 3. Extent of the disease by the end of the first
25 hospitalization; [and]

1 (4) Each hospital, freestanding laboratory, freestanding ambulatory care
2 facility, therapeutic radiological center, or physician who in good faith submits a
3 cancer report to the Secretary is not liable in any cause of action arising from the
4 submission of the report.

5 (5) The Secretary, after consultation with the Cancer Registry Advisory
6 Committee, the Maryland Hospital Association, and representatives of freestanding
7 laboratories and therapeutic radiological centers, shall adopt regulations to
8 implement the requirements of this section.

9 (6) The Secretary, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government
10 Article, shall submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on the
11 activities of the cancer registry, including utilization of cancer registry data.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2000.