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By: **Delegate Nathan-Pulliam**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Assistance and Children's Health Programs - Directory of Health**  
3 **Care Providers**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to  
5 provide certain directories of certain health care providers in certain formats to  
6 certain health care providers, certain enrollees in the Medical Assistance  
7 Program, and certain individuals eligible for the Maryland Children's Health  
8 Program; and generally relating to certain directories of certain health care  
9 providers provided by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under the  
10 Medical Assistance and Children's Health programs.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article - Health - General  
13 Section 15-103(b)(30) and 15-304(c)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article - Health - General**

19 15-103.

20 (b) (30) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ENROLLEES AND HEALTH CARE  
21 PROVIDERS WITH AN ACCURATE AND REASONABLY CURRENT DIRECTORY OR OTHER  
22 LISTING OF ALL AVAILABLE PROVIDERS:

23 (I) IN WRITTEN FORM, MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST;

24 (II) ON AN INTERNET DATABASE; AND

25 (III) ON A COMPUTER COMPACT DISC (CD) THAT IS ACCESSIBLE AT  
26 LOCAL LIBRARIES, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES  
27 OFFICES.

1 15-304.

2 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND HEALTH  
3 CARE PROVIDERS WITH AN ACCURATE AND REASONABLY CURRENT DIRECTORY OR  
4 OTHER LISTING OF ALL AVAILABLE PROVIDERS:

5 (1) IN WRITTEN FORM, MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST;

6 (2) ON AN INTERNET DATABASE; AND

7 (3) ON A COMPUTER COMPACT DISC (CD) THAT IS ACCESSIBLE AT LOCAL  
8 LIBRARIES, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICES.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2001.