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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospitals - Uniform Emergency Security Code Codes for Hospitals -**  
3 **Establishment and Implementation**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in  
5 consultation with certain associations, to develop a uniform set of emergency  
6 security ~~code~~ codes for hospitals; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain  
7 regulations; requiring hospitals to implement the provisions of certain  
8 regulations within a certain time; and generally relating to a uniform set of  
9 emergency security ~~code~~ codes for hospitals.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article - Health - General  
12 Section 19-308.6  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2000 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article - Health - General**

18 19-308.6.

19 (A) THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF  
20 MARYLAND HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS AND THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION  
21 OF HOSPITAL SECURITY AND SAFETY DIRECTORS, SHALL DEVELOP A UNIFORM SET  
22 OF EMERGENCY SECURITY ~~CODE~~ CODES FOR HOSPITALS.

1 (B) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE  
2 UNIFORM SET OF EMERGENCY SECURITY ~~CODE~~ CODES.

3 (C) EACH HOSPITAL IN MARYLAND SHALL IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF  
4 THE UNIFORM SET OF EMERGENCY SECURITY ~~CODE~~ CODES FOR HOSPITALS WITHIN  
5 2 YEARS OF THE ADOPTION OF THE REGULATIONS BY THE SECRETARY.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 ~~October~~ June 1, 2001.