

SENATE BILL 637

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ENROLLED BILL
-- Finance/Environmental Matters --

Introduced by **Senators Kelley, Conway, Currie, Frosh, Hafer, Hooper,
Hughes, Kasemeyer, Madden, McFadden, Mitchell, Pinsky, Sfikas, and
Teitelbaum**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

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; requiring the Department to update certain directories; requiring
9 certain directories to include certain information; and generally relating to
10 certain directories of certain health care providers provided by the Department
11 of Health and Mental Hygiene under the Medical Assistance and Children's
12 Health programs.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Health - General

1 Section 15-103(b)(30) ~~and 15-304(e)~~
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (2000 Replacement Volume)

4 BY adding to

5 Article - Health - General
 6 Section 15-301(d)
 7 Annotated Code of Maryland
 8 (2000 Replacement Volume)
 9 (As enacted by Chapters 15 and 16 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

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

12 **Article - Health - General**

13 15-103.

14 (b) (30) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ENROLLEES AND HEALTH
 15 CARE PROVIDERS WITH AN ACCURATE ~~AND REASONABLY CURRENT~~ DIRECTORY OR
 16 OTHER LISTING OF ALL AVAILABLE PROVIDERS:

17 ~~(A)~~ 1. IN WRITTEN FORM, MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST;
 18 AND

19 ~~(B)~~ 2. ON AN INTERNET DATABASE; ~~AND~~

20 ~~(C)~~ ON A COMPUTER COMPACT DISC (CD) THAT IS ACCESSIBLE AT
 21 LOCAL LIBRARIES, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES
 22 OFFICES.

23 (II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THE INTERNET DATABASE
 24 AT LEAST EVERY 30 DAYS.

25 (III) THE WRITTEN DIRECTORY SHALL INCLUDE A CONSPICUOUS
 26 REFERENCE TO THE INTERNET DATABASE.

27 ~~15-304. 15-301.~~

28 ~~(C)~~ (D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS
 29 AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WITH AN ACCURATE ~~AND REASONABLY CURRENT~~
 30 DIRECTORY OR OTHER LISTING OF ALL AVAILABLE PROVIDERS:

31 ~~(A)~~ (I) IN WRITTEN FORM, MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST; AND

32 ~~(B)~~ (II) ON AN INTERNET DATABASE; ~~AND~~

33 ~~(C)~~ ON A COMPUTER COMPACT DISC (CD) THAT IS ACCESSIBLE AT LOCAL
 34 LIBRARIES, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICES.

1 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPDATE THE INTERNET DATABASE AT
2 LEAST EVERY 30 DAYS.

3 (3) THE WRITTEN DIRECTORY SHALL INCLUDE A CONSPICUOUS
4 REFERENCE TO THE INTERNET DATABASE.

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