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By: **Delegate Gilleland** Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2005 Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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1 AN ACT conce	erning
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2 3	Public Health - Children and Pregnant Women - Mercury and Heavy Metal-Free Vaccines and Injections					
4 1 5 6 7 8	contain, or injected with a product that contains, mercury or other heavy metals; and generally relating to pregnant women and children and mercury and heavy					
9 1 10 11 12 13	Article Section Annota	- Health 18-107 ted Code	- Genera			
14 15	 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 					
16				Article - Health - General		
17	18-107.					
18	(a)	The Se	Secretary shall:			
19		(1)	Devise	and institute means to prevent and control:		
20			(i)	Infant mortality;		
21			(ii)	Diseases of pregnancy;		
22			(iii)	Diseases of childbirth;		
23			(iv)	Diseases of infancy; and		
24			(v)	Diseases of early childhood; and		

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(2) Promote the welfare and hygiene of maternity and infancy.

2 (B) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2006, AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 3 YEARS
3 OR A WOMAN WHO IS KNOWN TO BE PREGNANT MAY NOT BE VACCINATED WITH A
4 VACCINE, OR INJECTED WITH A PRODUCT, THAT CONTAINS MERCURY OR OTHER
5 HEAVY METALS.

6 [(b)] (C) This section does not enable the Secretary:

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7 (1) To take charge of a child if the parent, guardian, or other person who 8 has custody of the child objects; or

9 (2) To treat the child for a disease without the consent of the parent, 10 guardian, or other person who has custody of the child.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 12 October 1, 2005.