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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain termination provision relating to the  
 4 Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations; providing for the  
 5 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Statewide Advisory  
 6 Commission on Immunizations.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 8 Article - Health - General  
 9 Section 18-214  
 10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 11 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 13 Chapter 337 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002  
 14 Section 2

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

**Article - Health - General**

18-214.

(a) In this section, "vaccine" means a product intended to elicit, in humans, active or passive immunity against an infectious agent or product of an infectious agent.

(b) There is a Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations.

(c) The Commission consists of at least the following members:

(1) One physician member of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty Public Health Council;

(2) The chairperson of the Maryland Childhood Immunization Partnership;

(3) Two physician members of the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics with experience in private practice and infectious diseases;

(4) One physician member of the Maryland Academy of Family Physicians;

(5) One physician member of the American College of Physicians - Internal Medicine Society of Maryland;

(6) The executive director of the Maryland Partnership for Prevention;

(7) One local health officer;

(8) One representative from the Department's Vaccines for Children Program;

(9) One representative of the Maryland school system with knowledge of the immunizations required of children entering schools;

(10) The Maryland State Epidemiologist;

(11) One representative from a public health consumer advocacy group;  
and

(12) One nurse practitioner.

(d) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall appoint the membership of the Commission, based on the recommendation of the appropriate medical society or agency.

(e) The physician member of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty Public Health Council shall:

- 1 (1) Chair the Commission;
- 2 (2) Establish subcommittees to facilitate the work of the Commission;
- 3 and
- 4 (3) Appoint subcommittee chairs from among the Commission members.

5 (f) A member of the Commission may not receive compensation but is entitled  
6 to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as  
7 provided in the State budget.

8 (g) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide the staffing  
9 for the Commission.

10 (h) The Commission shall:

11 (1) Determine where community vaccine shortages exist and which  
12 vaccines are in short supply;

13 (2) Develop a recommendation for a plan to effectuate the equitable  
14 distribution of vaccines; and

15 (3) Study and make recommendations about other related issues as  
16 determined by the Commission, including but not limited to:

17 (i) Immunizations required of children entering schools in times of  
18 vaccine shortage;

19 (ii) All available options for the purchasing of vaccines;

20 (iii) Elimination of any vaccine distribution disparities;

21 (iv) A public education campaign in the event of a vaccine shortage;

22 (v) The availability and affordability of adult and childhood  
23 vaccines; and

24 (vi) Strategies to increase immunizations among those adults and  
25 children recommended to receive immunizations, including catch-up immunizations.

26 (i) On or before December 15 of each year, the Commission shall submit a  
27 report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with  
28 § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and  
29 Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations  
30 Committee.

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### Chapter 337 of the Acts of 2002

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 June 1, 2002. [It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of May

1 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
2 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 June 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of May  
5 31, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
6 abrogated and of no further force and effect.