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By: **Senators Hooper, Harris, and Jacobs**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County - Injury Reports**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that certain provisions of law regarding injury reports  
4 made by a certain physician, pharmacist, dentist, or nurse who treats an  
5 individual with certain injuries or by an individual in charge of a hospital that  
6 treats the injured individual apply in Harford County; and generally relating to  
7 the application of certain provisions of law concerning injury reports in Harford  
8 County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Health - General  
11 Section 20-701  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Health - General**

17 20-701.

18 (a) This section applies only in:

19 (1) Allegany County;

20 (2) Anne Arundel County;

21 (3) Charles County;

22 (4) HARFORD COUNTY;

23 (5) Kent County;

24 [(5)] (6) Montgomery County;

1            [(6)]    (7)    Prince George's County;

2            [(7)]    (8)    Somerset County;

3            [(8)]    (9)    Talbot County; and

4            [(9)]    (10)   Wicomico County.

5            (b)      A physician, pharmacist, dentist, or nurse who treats an individual for an  
6 injury that was caused or shows evidence of having been caused by an automobile  
7 accident or a lethal weapon, or the individual in charge of a hospital that treats the  
8 injured individual, shall notify the county sheriff, the county police, or the  
9 Department of State Police of the injury as soon as practicable.

10          (c)      A report of injury shall include:

11            (1)      The injured individual's name and address, if known;

12            (2)      A description of the injury; and

13            (3)      Any other facts concerning the matter that might assist in detecting  
14 crime.

15          (d)      An individual who fails to make a report required by this section is guilty  
16 of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$25.

17          SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2006.