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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 137

(Senator Hooper, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

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**Harford County - Injury Reports**

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This bill requires a physician, pharmacist, dentist, or nurse in Harford County who treats an individual for an injury that was caused by or shows evidence of being caused by an automobile accident or lethal weapon, or the individual in charge of a hospital that treats the injured individual, to notify the Harford County sheriff or police, or the Department of State Police of the injury as soon as practicable.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill's requirements could be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In nine counties, a physician, pharmacist, dentist, or nurse who treats an individual for an injury that was caused by or shows evidence of being caused by an automobile accident or lethal weapon, or the individual in charge of a hospital that treats the injured individual, must notify the county sheriff, the county police, or the Department of State Police of the injury as soon as practicable. This reporting requirement applies to Allegany, Anne Arundel, Charles, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Somerset, Talbot, and Wicomico counties.

The injury report must include: (1) the injured individual's name and address, if known; (2) a description of the injury; and (3) any other facts concerning the matter that might help detect crime. An individual who fails to make this required report is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a maximum \$25 fine upon conviction.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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