

SENATE BILL 938

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced by **Senators Hooper, Colburn, Harris, Jones, and Middleton**

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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 **Public Health – Injury Reports – ~~Statewide Applicability~~ Workgroup**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~repealing the provision that limits the applicability of certain~~
4 ~~injury reporting requirements to certain counties~~ requiring certain entities to
5 convene a certain workgroup to develop certain recommendations regarding
6 certain injury reports; requiring the workgroup to make a certain report to
7 certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and
8 generally relating to a workgroup on certain injury reports.

9 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
10 ~~Article – Health – General~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



~~Section 20-701~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)~~

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

~~**Article Health General**~~

~~20-701.~~

~~[(a) This section applies only in:~~

~~(1) Allegany County;~~

~~(2) Anne Arundel County;~~

~~(3) Charles County;~~

~~(4) Harford County;~~

~~(5) Kent County;~~

~~(6) Montgomery County;~~

~~(7) Prince George's County;~~

~~(8) Somerset County;~~

~~(9) Talbot County; and~~

~~(10) Wicomico County.]~~

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

~~[(c)] (B) A report of injury shall include:~~

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

1 ~~(2) A description of the injury; and~~

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

4 ~~[(d)] (C) An individual who fails to make a report required by this section is~~
5 ~~guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$25.~~

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
7 MARYLAND, That:

8 (a) The Maryland Hospital Association, the Maryland State Medical Society,
9 the Department of State Police, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and
10 other interested stakeholders shall convene a workgroup to develop recommendations
11 regarding the reporting requirement of § 20-701 of the Health – General Article,
12 including:

13 (i) whether the reporting requirement should be applicable
14 throughout the State;

15 (ii) the health care providers or other individuals who should be
16 subject to the reporting requirement and when those providers or other individuals
17 should be required to report;

18 (iii) the types of injuries that should be reported; and

19 (iv) the penalties to be imposed for failing to report.

20 (b) On or before December 1, 2007, the workgroup shall report to the Senate
21 Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in
22 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the recommendations
23 developed under subsection (a) of this section.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 ~~October~~ July 1, 2007.