SENATE BILL 938

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By: **Senators Hooper, Colburn, Harris, Jones, and Middleton**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Injury Reports – Statewide Applicability**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the provision that limits the applicability of certain
4   injury reporting requirements to certain counties.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6   Article – Health – General
7   Section 20–701
8   Annotated Code of Maryland
9   (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

13 20–701.

14   [(a)   This section applies only in:

15   (1)   Allegany County;

16   (2)   Anne Arundel County;

17   (3)   Charles County;

1   (4)   Harford County;

2   (5)   Kent County;

3   (6)   Montgomery County;

4   (7)   Prince George's County;

5   (8)   Somerset County;

6   (9)   Talbot County; and

7   (10)   Wicomico County.**]**

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

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

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

15   (2)   A description of the injury; and

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

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

20   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21   October 1, 2007.