

SENATE BILL 938

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By: **Senators Hooper, Colburn, Harris, Jones, and Middleton**

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CHAPTER _____

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:

12 **Article – Health – General**

13 20–701.

14 [(a) This section applies only in:

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.



- (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;
- (2) A description of the injury; and
- (3) Any other facts concerning the matter that might assist in detecting crime.

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

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