

## CHAPTER 206

(Senate Bill 938)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

~~(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 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.**