

SENATE BILL 504

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By: **Senator Gladden**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2009

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Health Care Facilities and Clinics - Reporting of**
3 **Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus Incidents**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and
5 clinics to report to the Commissioner of Health for the City of Baltimore
6 regarding certain incidents; requiring certain reports to include certain
7 strategies; requiring the Commissioner to compile certain reports and to report
8 to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on or before a certain date
9 regarding certain findings and recommendations; requiring the Commissioner
10 and the Secretary to brief certain committees regarding certain findings and
11 recommendations on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of
12 this Act; and generally relating to the reporting of incidents of
13 methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.

14 BY adding to

15 Article - Health - General

16 Section 18-202.2

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Health - General**

22 **18-202.2.**

23 (A) (1) **IN BALTIMORE CITY, A NURSING HOME, ASSISTED LIVING**
24 **FACILITY, OR AN OUTPATIENT CLINIC THAT OFFERS OR OVERSEES SERVICES**
25 **RELATING TO DIALYSIS OR HIV/AIDS SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 OF HEALTH REGARDING INCIDENTS OF METHICILLIN-RESISTANT
2 STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS.

3 (2) A REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
4 SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE STRATEGIES THAT ARE BEING EMPLOYED TO
5 REDUCE OR ELIMINATE FUTURE INCIDENTS.

6 (B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2010, THE COMMISSIONER OF
7 HEALTH FOR THE CITY OF BALTIMORE SHALL:

8 (1) COMPILE ANY REPORTS RECEIVED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)
9 OF THIS SECTION; AND

10 (2) REPORT TO THE SECRETARY, THE GOVERNOR, AND IN
11 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE
12 SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
13 AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
14 REGARDING FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE RELATING TO THE
15 COMPILATION OF REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
16 SUBSECTION.

17 (C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2010, THE COMMISSIONER OF
18 HEALTH FOR THE CITY OF BALTIMORE AND THE SECRETARY SHALL BRIEF THE
19 SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
20 AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
21 REGARDING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE UNDER SUBSECTION
22 (B) OF THIS SECTION.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
25 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
26 abrogated and of no further force and effect.