

SENATE BILL 749

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By: **Senator Gladden**
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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospitals and Nursing Facilities – Staphylococcus Infections – Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain individuals to include certain information on a
4 certificate of death; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in
5 consultation with certain groups and stakeholders, to develop a certain system
6 regarding the reporting of certain staphylococcus infections; requiring the
7 Department to make a certain report to certain committees of the General
8 Assembly on or before a certain date; making certain stylistic changes; and
9 generally relating to hospitals and nursing facilities and staphylococcus
10 infections.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Health – General
13 Section 4–212(b)(2)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Health – General
18 Section 19–308.9
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Health – General**

24 4–212.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) (2) The medical examiner, physician, or physician's collaborating
2 nurse practitioner shall fill in only the following information on the certificate of
3 death:

4 (i) The name of the deceased[.];

5 (ii) The cause of death and medical certification[.];

6 (iii) The date and hour of death[.];

7 (iv) The place where death occurred; AND

8 (v) **WHETHER THE DECEASED WAS BEING TREATED FOR A**
9 **STAPHYLOCOCCUS INFECTION AT THE TIME OF DEATH.**

10 **19-308.9.**

11 **THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL**
12 **ASSOCIATION, THE HEALTH FACILITIES ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND,**
13 **MID-ATLANTIC LIFESPAN, AND OTHER INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL**
14 **DEVELOP A SYSTEM REQUIRING:**

15 (1) **HOSPITALS AND NURSING FACILITIES IN THE STATE TO**
16 **REPORT ANNUALLY ON INCIDENTS OF METHICILLIN-RESISTANT**
17 **STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS AND VANCOMYCIN-RESISTANT ENTEROCOCCUS TO**
18 **THE DEPARTMENT; AND**

19 (2) **THE DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE**
20 **GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**
21 **ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE INCIDENCE OF**
22 **METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS AND**
23 **VANCOMYCIN-RESISTANT ENTEROCOCCUS IN HOSPITALS AND NURSING**
24 **FACILITIES IN THE STATE.**

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December
26 1, 2009, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the Senate
27 Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in
28 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on legislative
29 recommendations to develop a system required by § 19-308.9 of the Health – General
30 Article, as enacted by this Act.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 July 1, 2009.