

SENATE BILL 891

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By: **Senator Middleton**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Health Care Commission – Authority of Acute Care Hospitals to**
3 **Provide Cardiac Surgery Services – Voluntary Relinquishment – Regulations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain regulations adopted by the Maryland
5 Health Care Commission provide for the voluntary relinquishment of the
6 authority of certain acute care hospitals to provide cardiac surgery services
7 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to regulations concerning
8 the voluntary relinquishment of authority to provide cardiac surgery services.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 19–120.1(g)(2)(v)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 19–120.1.

18 (g) (2) The regulations shall:

19 (v) Require, as a condition of the issuance of a certificate of
20 conformance or a certificate of ongoing performance [to an acute general hospital
21 without on–site cardiac surgery services], that [the] AN acute general hospital agree
22 to voluntarily relinquish its authority to provide **CARDIAC SURGERY SERVICES**,
23 emergency PCI services, or elective PCI services if the hospital fails to meet the
24 applicable standards established by the Commission;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 June 1, 2014.