

HOUSE BILL 897

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Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2015

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Synthetic Infill Turf Fields – Informational Signs**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the owner or operator of a facility with a synthetic infill turf
4 field to post a certain sign in a conspicuous location at the field informing users of
5 the field of certain health and safety recommendations of the Department of Health
6 and Mental Hygiene; and generally relating to the posting of health and safety
7 recommendations at synthetic infill turf fields.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 24–1601 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16. Synthetic Infill Turf
11 Fields”

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **SUBTITLE 16. SYNTHETIC INFILL TURF FIELDS.**

18 **24–1601.**

19 **THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A FACILITY WITH A SYNTHETIC INFILL TURF**
20 **FIELD SHALL POST A SIGN IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION THAT IS VISIBLE TO THE**
21 **INDIVIDUALS WHO USE THE FIELD AND STATES:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **“THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE ENCOURAGES ALL THOSE**
2 **USING SYNTHETIC INFILL TURF FIELDS TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING**
3 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

4 **1. WASH HANDS AND EXPOSED BODY PARTS AGGRESSIVELY AFTER**
5 **PLAYING ON FIELD.**

6 **2. TURN CLOTHES INSIDE OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER USING THE**
7 **FIELD TO AVOID TRACKING DUST AND INFILL TO OTHER LOCATIONS.**

8 **3. KEEP BEVERAGES CLOSED AND IN BAGS OR COOLERS WHEN NOT**
9 **DRINKING TO MINIMIZE CONTAMINATION FROM FIELD DUST AND FIBERS.**

10 **4. BE AWARE OF SIGNS OF HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS AND DEHYDRATION.**
11 **FIELDS CAN GET EXCESSIVELY HOT ON WARM, SUNNY DAYS. TAKE ALL NECESSARY**
12 **PRECAUTIONS.”.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2015.