

HOUSE BILL 15

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegates Szeliga and Cassilly**

Requested: November 6, 2015

Introduced and read first time: January 13, 2016

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Suspected Overdoses – Reporting Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain individuals who treat or are in charge of a hospital
4 that treats an individual in Harford County for a suspected overdose that was caused
5 or shows evidence of having been caused by a Schedule I controlled dangerous
6 substance to notify the county sheriff, county police, or the Department of State
7 Police of the suspected overdose within a certain time period; requiring that a report
8 of a suspected overdose include certain information; establishing a certain penalty;
9 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the reporting of
10 suspected overdoses in Harford County.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Health – General

13 Section 20–704 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 7. Injury and Suspected
14 Overdose Reports”

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2015 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 Subtitle 7. Injury AND SUSPECTED OVERDOSE Reports.

21 **20–704.**

22 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN HARFORD COUNTY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) A PHYSICIAN, PHARMACIST, DENTIST, OR NURSE WHO TREATS AN**
2 **INDIVIDUAL FOR A SUSPECTED OVERDOSE THAT WAS CAUSED OR SHOWS EVIDENCE**
3 **OF HAVING BEEN CAUSED BY A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE LISTED ON**
4 **SCHEDULE I UNDER § 5-402 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE OR THE INDIVIDUAL**
5 **IN CHARGE OF A HOSPITAL THAT TREATS THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SUSPECTED TO**
6 **HAVE OVERDOSED SHALL NOTIFY THE COUNTY SHERIFF, THE COUNTY POLICE, OR**
7 **THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE OF THE SUSPECTED OVERDOSE WITHIN 48**
8 **HOURS AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL IS TREATED.**

9 **(C) A REPORT OF A SUSPECTED OVERDOSE SHALL INCLUDE:**

10 **(1) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS SUSPECTED**
11 **TO HAVE OVERDOSED, IF KNOWN;**

12 **(2) A DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPE OF OVERDOSE; AND**

13 **(3) ANY OTHER FACTS CONCERNING THE MATTER THAT MIGHT**
14 **ASSIST IN ADDRESSING OVERDOSE RATES IN THE COUNTY.**

15 **(D) A PERSON WHO FAILS TO MAKE A REPORT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION**
16 **(B) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS**
17 **SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$25.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2016.