

HOUSE BILL 1501

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospitals – Education – Child Safety Seat Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each hospital that provides services to a child under a certain
4 age, at the time of discharge of the child, to provide and discuss with the parents of
5 the child or with the individual to whom the child is released certain information
6 relating to child safety seats, seat belts, and the transportation of children in rear
7 seats; providing that a hospital is not responsible for the failure of certain individuals
8 to whom a child is released to properly transport the child; defining certain terms;
9 and generally relating to the provision of information relating to child safety seat
10 requirements by hospitals.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Health – General
13 Section 19–310.4
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 **19–310.4.**

20 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
21 INDICATED.

22 (2) “CHILD SAFETY SEAT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 22–412.2
23 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) "SEAT BELT" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 22-412.3 OF THE**
2 **TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

3 **(B) EACH HOSPITAL THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO A CHILD UNDER THE AGE**
4 **OF 8 YEARS SHALL, AT THE TIME OF DISCHARGE OF THE CHILD, PROVIDE TO AND**
5 **DISCUSS WITH THE PARENT OF THE CHILD OR WITH THE INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM THE**
6 **CHILD IS RELEASED:**

7 **(1) INFORMATION REGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF §§ 22-412.2**
8 **AND 22-412.3 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE RELATING TO CHILD SAFETY**
9 **SEATS, SEAT BELTS, AND THE TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN IN REAR SEATS; AND**

10 **(2) INFORMATION DIRECTING THE PARENT OR THE INDIVIDUAL TO**
11 **WHOM THE CHILD IS RELEASED TO A WEBSITE OR OTHER SOURCE OF INFORMATION**
12 **THAT COULD PROVIDE:**

13 **(I) AT NO COST OR LOW COST, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND**
14 **ASSISTANCE RELATING TO CHILD SAFETY SEAT REQUIREMENTS, INSTALLATION,**
15 **AND INSPECTION; AND**

16 **(II) INFORMATION ON THE AVAILABILITY OF LOANER OR**
17 **RENTAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILD SAFETY SEATS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE IN THE**
18 **COMMUNITY WHERE THE CHILD RESIDES.**

19 **(C) A HOSPITAL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE OF A PARENT OR**
20 **ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM A CHILD IS RELEASED TO PROPERLY TRANSPORT**
21 **THE CHILD.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2018.