HOUSE BILL 1189

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Public Health – Vaccines Administered Under Emergency Use Authorization – Reporting of Adverse Events

FOR the purpose of requiring a health care provider to report to the national Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System an adverse event occurring after the administration of a vaccine, including a COVID–19 vaccine or booster, administered under an emergency use authorization; and generally relating to reporting adverse events related to vaccines administered under emergency use authorization.

BY adding to
Article – Health – General
Section 18–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

18–405.

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

(2) "ADVERSE EVENT" MEANS ANY ILLNESS, DISABILITY, INCAPACITY, HOSPITALIZATION, DEATH, OR IMPAIRMENT OF MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, BEHAVIORAL, OR PHYSICAL FUNCTIONING OR DEVELOPMENT, THE FIRST MANIFESTATION OF WHICH APPEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ADMINISTRATION OF A

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

VACCINE, INCLUDING A COVID–19 VACCINE OR BOOSTER.

(3) "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

(4) "VAERS" MEANS THE NATIONAL VACCINE ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING SYSTEM ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION.

(B) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHALL PROMPTLY REPORT TO VAERS ANY ADVERSE EVENT OBSERVED IN A PATIENT AFTER THE ADMINISTRATION OF A VACCINE, INCLUDING A COVID–19 VACCINE OR BOOSTER, ADMINISTERED UNDER AN EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.