

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by an "aye" and "nay" vote supported by three-fifths of the membership elected of each house of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 23, 1941.

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CHAPTER 205.

(Senate Bill 386)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", to be under subtitle "Injuries—Reports of," said new section to be known as Section 384A and to follow immediately after Section 384 of said Article, requiring physicians, pharmacists, dentists, hospitals and nurses to report injuries arising from automobile accidents or deadly weapons and providing penalties for failure so to do, and to repeal Section 275 of Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Montgomery County (1939 Edition).

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", to be under subtitle "Injuries—Report of," said new section to be known as Section 384A, to follow immediately after Section 384 of said Article, and to read as follows:

384A. Whenever any physician, pharmacist, dentist, hospital or nurse treats any person for any injury which was caused by or shows evidence of having been caused by an automobile accident or by a lethal weapon he or she, or in the case of a hospital, the individual then in charge thereof, shall, as soon as practicable, notify either the Sheriff of the County, the County Police or the State Police of such fact, giving such person's name and address, if known, a description of the injury, and any other facts concerning the affair which might assist in the detection of crime. Any such person failing so to report shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable in any court of competent criminal jurisdiction by a fine not exceeding