

tary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to promulgate regulations regarding smallpox immunization at high risk; and, authorizing exemption from immunization on religious grounds at certain times.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 81A be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Health," to follow immediately after Section 81 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Vaccination of Persons at High Risk," and to read as follows:

Vaccination of Persons at High Risk

81A.

(a) *The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene after consultation with the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland shall promulgate regulations regarding smallpox immunization of persons at high risk. The regulations shall be promulgated in conformance to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.*

(b) *In the absence of an emergency or epidemic of disease declared by the Secretary of Health, no person who objects in writing to vaccination or immunization upon the ground that it conflicts with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or religious denomination of which he is an adherent or member shall be required to be vaccinated.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved April 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 175

(House Bill 1384)

AN ACT to add new Sections 232P to the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County (1965 Edition and 1971 Supplement, being Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 232-O thereof, to create and generally relate to the Harford County Advisory Council on Drug Abuse, and generally relating thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 232P be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County (1965 Edition and 1971 Supplement, being Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Harford County," subtitle "County Commissioners," to follow immediately after Section 232-O thereof, and to read as follows: