

CHAPTER 454

(House Bill 597)

AN ACT concerning

Health - Cancer Reports

FOR the purpose of providing requirements for reports of cancer diagnoses to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health
Section 133A to be under the new subtitle "Cancer Reporting"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 133A to be under the new subtitle "Cancer Reporting" be and it is hereby added to Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

CANCER REPORTING

133A.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(1) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

(2) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

(3) "LABORATORY" MEANS ANY PUBLIC, PRIVATE, HOSPITAL, OR INSTITUTIONAL LABORATORY.

(B) (1) THE INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE OF A LABORATORY SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT EVERY POSITIVE TISSUE-BASED DIAGNOSIS OF CANCER DERIVED FROM A HUMAN BODY. ANY PHYSICIAN SUBMITTING TISSUE TO A LABORATORY FOR DIAGNOSIS SHALL PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE OF THE LABORATORY TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(2) EACH REPORT SHALL BE ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL INCLUDE: (1) THE NAME AND