

FACILITIES WHICH WILL NOT REQUIRE DISCHARGE INTO A RIVER,
INCLUDING ON LAND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.

(b) This section does not apply if its application would cause the State to lose or be denied any federal assistance or funds otherwise available.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved May 26, 1977.

CHAPTER 854

(House Bill 1984)

AN ACT concerning

Rape and Sexual Offenses - Doctor and Hospital Charges

FOR the purpose of providing that victims of rape and sexual offenses may not be charged for the costs of certain examinations, ~~tests, or treatment~~ by physicians or hospitals; providing for the reimbursement by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to doctors and hospitals for the cost of these services; providing for the procedure for reimbursement to the Department and prospective subrogation of any insurance rights of the victims; and authorizing the Department to establish standards and rules and regulations.

BY adding to

Article 43 - Health
Section 31D
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 31D 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

31D.

(A) WHENEVER A DOCTOR OR A HOSPITAL PROVIDES ANY PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, ~~TEST, OR TREATMENT~~ OF ANY VICTIM OF A AN ALLEGED RAPE OR SEXUAL OFFENSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AND GATHERING INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE AS TO