AN ACT concerning

Tuberculosis

FOR the purpose of extending certain prohibited acts and penalties to any individual who is, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, in a health facility for tuberculosis treatment.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 18-324 Annotated Code of Maryland (As enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 200) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General Section 18-325 Annotated Code of Maryland (As enacted by Chapter _____ (H.B. 200) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 200) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982) read(s) as follows:

Article - Health - General

18-324.

- (a) A health officer may have an individual examined, if the health officer knows or is notified in writing by a physician that the individual:
- (1) Is suspected of having tuberculosis in a communicable stage; and
- (2) In a public place, is exposing other individuals to infection.
- (b) If, after the examination, the health officer finds that the individual has tuberculosis in a communicable stage, the health officer may order the individual to be taken to an appropriate health facility until the condition of the individual no longer endangers the community where the individual lives.
- [(c) (1) If an individual is ordered taken to a health facility under subsection (b) of this section, the individual may not: