

FOR the purpose of requiring persons who believe that a patient or resident in a certain related institution has been abused to report the abuse to an appropriate law enforcement agency, the Secretary of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or to the Office on Aging; requiring the recipient of the report to inform the other parties and, under certain circumstances, the administrator of the related institution; redefining certain terms; providing for the assistance of the Secretary in investigating reported abuses; providing for the referral of certain cases to the Secretary for investigation; providing for a written investigation report to be sent to the local ombudsman; granting immunity from civil liability to certain persons; and generally relating to patient abuse in related institutions.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article---Health---General
Section 19-301(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1982 Supplement)~~

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Article - Health - General
Section 19-301(1) and 19-347
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-301.

(1) (1) "Related institution" means an organized institution, environment, or home that:

(i) Maintains conditions or facilities and equipment to provide domiciliary, personal, or nursing care for 2 or more unrelated individuals who are dependent on the administrator, operator, or proprietor for nursing care or the subsistence of daily living in a safe, sanitary, and healthful environment; and

(ii) Admits or retains the individuals for overnight care.

(2) "Related institution" does not include:

(i) An adult residential environment or home that is certified by the Department of Human Resources;