- (3) establish the identity of the voter by requesting the voter to state the month and day of the voter's birth and comparing the response to the information listed in the precinct register;
- (4) (I) EXCEPT IF A VOTER'S PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEEMED CONFIDENTIAL BY THE LOCAL BOARD, verify the address of the voter's residence; OR
- (II) CONDUCT AN ALTERNATIVE VERIFICATION AS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD, IF THE VOTER'S PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEEMED CONFIDENTIAL BY THE LOCAL BOARD:
- (5) if any changes to the voting authority card are indicated by a voter, make the appropriate changes in information on the card or other appropriate form; and
- (6) have the voter sign the voting authority card and either issue the voter a ballot or send the voter to a machine to vote.
- (b) The statement prepared by the board of canvassers under [subsection (a) of] this section may not report the absentee vote separately by precinct.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Enacted April 7, 2006.

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CHAPTER 42

(Senate Bill 135)

AN ACT concerning

Hospitals - Comparable Evaluation System - Health Care-Associated Infection Information

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain comparable evaluation system established by the Maryland Health Care Commission to include health care—associated infection information from hospitals; requiring the system to adhere, to the extent possible, to certain recommendations regarding public reporting of health care—associated infections; and generally relating to the inclusion of health care—associated infection information from hospitals in a certain comparable evaluation system.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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