

vetoed House Bill 370 – *Hospitals – HIV Testing – Public Safety Worker.*

This bill requires designated hospital infectious disease/communicable disease officers to order tests to be conducted in a specified manner and in accordance with specified recommendations on blood samples or other body fluids of specified hospital patients for the presence of antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 321, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 370.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 370

AN ACT concerning

Hospitals – HIV Testing – Public Safety Worker

FOR the purpose of requiring certain individuals in a hospital to order tests to be conducted in a certain manner and in accordance with certain recommendations on blood samples or other body fluids of certain individuals for the presence of antibodies to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) under certain circumstances; requiring a public safety worker to give certain notice to a certain medical director under a certain circumstance; requiring a certain public safety worker to give informed consent and submit a certain sample to be tested for HIV; requiring a certain medical director to act as a certain intermediary between a certain public safety worker and a certain officer; requiring certain individuals to disclose the results of HIV tests conducted under this Act in a certain manner to certain individuals and provide counseling to certain individuals under certain circumstances; specifying the confidentiality of certain medical records and other information; providing for a certain limitation of liability for certain individuals under this Act; defining a public safety worker; and generally relating to conducting tests on blood samples or other body fluids of individuals in a hospital for the presence of antibodies to HIV.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 18–338.3
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General