

(2) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt rules and regulations for religious exemptions under this subsection.

Article - Health - General

18-403.

(a) Unless the Secretary declares an emergency or disease epidemic, an individual may not be required to be immunized if the individual objects to immunization because it conflicts with the individual's, or, if the individual is a minor, the individual's parent's or guardian's bona fide religious beliefs and practices.

(b) The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations for religious exemptions under this section.

-(c) The Department shall report to the General Assembly by January 1, ~~1985~~ 1987, the number of exemptions granted and the incidence of diseases covered by the immunization requirement within the exempt population and the population as a whole.-}

Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1983

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1983. -{It shall remain in effect for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June ~~1985~~ 1987, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect and shall be removed from the Annotated Code of Maryland.-}

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 21, 1985.

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CHAPTER 254

(House Bill 64)

AN ACT concerning

Correctional Officers - Death Benefits

FOR the purpose of paying a death benefit to a surviving spouse, children, or designated beneficiary of a correctional officer killed in the performance of duties after a certain date; providing for scholarships for children of correctional officers killed in the line of duty; providing for retroactive effect of this Act; and generally relating