

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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(a) (1) [Whenever] WHEN any physician, pharmacist, dentist, hospital or nurse treats [any person] AN INDIVIDUAL for an injury which was caused by or shows evidence of having been caused by an automobile accident OR AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A MOVING VESSEL or by a lethal weapon, he or she, or in the case of a hospital, the individual [then] in charge [thereof,] shall, as soon as practicable, notify either the sheriff of the county, the county police, [or] the State Police, OR IN THE CASE OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A MOVING VESSEL, SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY POLICE, THE STATE POLICE, OR THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE of [such fact, giving such person's] THE INJURY AND THE INJURED INDIVIDUAL'S name and address, if known, a description of the injury, and any other facts concerning the affair which might assist in the detection of crime.

(2) IN THE CASE OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A MOVING VESSEL, ANY POLICE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED OF AN ACCIDENT SHALL PROMPTLY ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

(b) [Any such person failing so to report] AN INDIVIDUAL WHO FAILS TO MAKE A REPORT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION is guilty of a misdemeanor and [punishable by] ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO a fine not exceeding \$25.

(c) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE provisions of this section only apply in Charles, Kent, Montgomery, Talbot, Somerset, Prince George's, Wicomico, Allegany and Anne Arundel counties.

(2) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION REQUIRING A REPORT OF ACCIDENTS OR SUSPECTED ACCIDENTS INVOLVING A MOVING VESSEL TO THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY POLICE, THE STATE POLICE, OR THE NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE APPLY STATEWIDE.

(D) IN THIS SECTION, "MOVING VESSEL" MEANS A VESSEL AS DEFINED IN § 8-701 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE THAT:

- (1) IS IN THE WATER; AND
- (2) IS NOT TIED TO A FIXED OBJECT OR ANCHORED.

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

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