

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

20-108.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Disabled individual" means an individual with actual or potential limitations in self-care, mobility, hygiene, vocation, family role, or coping mechanisms.

(3) "Reportable condition" means a:

- (i) Spinal cord injury;
- (ii) Stroke;
- (iii) Amputation; or
- (iv) Head injury.

(b) (1) Each HOSPITAL [public and private health and social agency and attending physician] shall report to the Department within 7 days of [identifying a disabled individual with] THE OCCURRENCE OF a reportable condition.

(2) (i) [If the report is with the consent of the disabled individual, the] THE report shall contain the individual's name, age, residence, the type of disability, and any additional information that the Department requires.

(ii) [If the report is without the consent of the disabled individual, the report shall contain the type of disability and any additional information that the Department requires, excluding any information that would identify the disabled individual.

(iii)] The information collected under this section is confidential and not open to inspection nor considered a public record. The information shall only be used statistically for the use of the Department in the performance of its duties, EXCEPT THAT THE IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUALS REPORTED MAY BE DISCLOSED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN § 10-624(C) OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(c) The report form shall be developed by the Department with input from physicians, disabled individuals, and consumer