

CHAPTER 500

(House Bill 847)

AN ACT concerning

Infectious or Contagious Diseases - Reports

FOR the purpose of providing that certain reports on infectious and contagious diseases submitted to a health office in a county are confidential, not open to public inspection, and subject to subpoena or discovery only under certain circumstances; and providing an exception to this provision under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 18-201, 18-202, and 18-205
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

18-201.

(a) A physician with reason to suspect that a patient under the physician's care has an infectious or contagious disease that endangers public health shall submit immediately a report to the health officer for the county where the physician cares for that patient.

(b) The report shall:

- (1) Be on the form that the Secretary provides;
- (2) Identify the disease or suspected disease;
- (3) State the name, age, race, sex, and residence address of the patient; and
- (4) Be signed by the physician.

(C) (1) ALL PHYSICIAN REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION ARE:

(I) CONFIDENTIAL;