

CHAPTER 697

(House Bill 1106)

AN ACT concerning

Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, and
Rescue Squadmen - Exposure to Disease

FOR the purpose of clarifying that while treating or transporting certain patients to a medical care facility, if a paid or volunteer firefighter or emergency medical technician comes into contact with patients having a contagious disease, the attending physician shall notify the firefighter or medical technician; clarifying the definition of contagious disease; clarifying that notice shall include subsequent written confirmation of possible exposure to the contagious disease; requiring notification be conducted in a manner that will protect the confidentiality of certain persons; clarifying that the written confirmation constitutes compliance with this Act; requiring each medical care facility to develop written procedures for the implementation of this Act; clarifying certain language; and generally relating to the notification of the firefighters and emergency medical technicians who transport persons who have contagious diseases.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 18-213
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

18-213.

- (a) In this section "contagious disease" means:
- (1) [Hepatitis] HEPATITIS B;
 - (2) [Meningitis] MENINGOCOCCAL MENINGITIS;
 - (3) Tuberculosis;
 - (4) Malaria;
 - (5) Rabies; or