

(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, the Department may not require the immunization of an individual if:

(1) The individual objects to immunization because it conflicts with the individual's bona fide religious beliefs and practices; or

(2) The individual is a minor and the individual's parent or guardian objects to immunization because it conflicts with the parent 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 EVERY 2 YEARS by January 1, [1987] BEGINNING IN 1989, 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, as amended by  
Chapter 253 of the Acts of 1985

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 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, 1987.

Approved April 14, 1987.