

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

Article - Environment

9-227.

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

(2) ["Clinic" has the meaning given by the regulations of the Department.

(3)] (i) "Infectious waste" means any waste that comes from a hospital, ~~clinic~~-~~or~~ laboratory, OR OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITY AS DEFINED IN § 19-101 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE and that is known or suspected to be contaminated with organisms capable of producing disease or infection in humans.

(ii) "Infectious waste" includes:

1. Disposable CONTAMINATED DISPOSABLE equipment, instruments, and utensils;
2. Contaminated needles, scalpels, and razor blades;
3. Human tissues and organs that result from surgery, obstetrics, or autopsy;
4. Feces, urine, vomitus, and suctionings;
5. Live vaccines for human use;
6. Blood and blood products; and
7. Laboratory specimens, such as tissues, blood elements, excreta, and secretions.

(b) A hospital, [clinic, or] laboratory, OR OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITY AS DEFINED IN § 19-101 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE may not dispose of infectious waste, or cause infectious waste to be disposed of, in a landfill system in this State.

(c) The Secretary is responsible with law enforcement personnel in this State for monitoring and enforcing subsection (b) of this section.

9-267.

[(a) A hospital, clinic, or laboratory that violates § 9-227(b) of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on