

CHAPTER 368

(House Bill 643)

AN ACT concerning

Licensing and Certification – Standards and Inspections

FOR the purpose of clarifying and increasing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s inspection authority of hospitals; requiring certain hospitals to submit copies of survey findings of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations to the Department and certain other persons under certain circumstances; specifying that certain reports and information are not discoverable or admissible in civil actions; authorizing rather than requiring the referral of certain complaints to certain hospitals; and generally relating to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Office of Licensing and Certification.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19-308 and 19-309

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

~~BY repealing~~

~~Article – Health – General~~

~~Section 19-309~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)~~

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

Article – Health – General

19-308.

(a) The Secretary shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations that set standards of services for related institutions and nonaccredited hospitals in the following areas:

- (1) The care of patients;
- (2) The medical supervision of patients;
- (3) The physical environment;
- (4) Disease control;
- (5) Sanitation;
- (6) Safety; and
- (7) Dietary matters.