

1. ACTIONS TO PREVENT PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM CONTAMINATION OR TO RESPOND TO A SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT EMERGENCY UNDER §§ 9-405 AND 9-406 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

2. NOTICES GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC BY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS UNDER § 9-410 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 580**

**(Senate Bill 325)**

AN ACT concerning

**Medical Records – Maintenance, Disclosure, and Confidentiality**

FOR the purpose of specifying a certain time frame for the disclosure of medical records by health care providers; prohibiting health care providers from refusing to disclose a medical record under specified circumstances; altering a certain ~~penalty~~ penalties; requiring certain individuals to take certain actions before the destruction or transfer of certain medical records; making certain individuals who violate specified provisions of law liable for actual damages; altering a certain definition; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to the maintenance, disclosure, and confidentiality of medical records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 4-301(g), 4-309, and 4-403

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

**Article – Health – General**

4-301.

(g) (1) "Medical record" means any oral, written, or other transmission IN ANY FORM OR MEDIUM of information that:

- (i) Is ~~written~~ ENTERED in the record of a patient or recipient;
- (ii) Identifies or can readily be associated with the identity of a patient or recipient; and
- (iii) Relates to the health care of the patient or recipient.