

**CHAPTER 127**  
**(Senate Bill 624)**

AN ACT concerning

**Universal Newborn Hearing Screening**

FOR the purpose of altering the Program for Hearing-Impaired Infants to include a certain universal newborn hearing screening component; altering the composition and responsibilities of the Advisory Council for the Program; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop methods to contact certain persons regarding the results of certain screenings; requiring hospitals to provide certain information to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in a certain manner; requiring certain carriers to provide coverage for certain screenings provided by a hospital before discharge; requiring certain hospitals to establish a certain type of program; including certain screenings in the minimum package of child wellness services; defining a certain term; altering a certain definition; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act on and after a certain date; providing for a delayed effective date for certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to universal newborn hearing screening.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 4-208(a) and 13-601 through 13-604

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-705.1(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article - Health - General

Section 13-605

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 13-605 and 15-103(b)(28)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)