

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–501(b)(10) and (11)
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BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations
Section 14–501(b)(12)
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

SUBTITLE 8. MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE.

5–801.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, “COMMITTEE” MEANS THE MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE.

5–802.

(A) THERE IS A MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO PREVENT AVOIDABLE DEATHS AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE PROVIDED TO PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

5–803.

THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

(1) EVALUATE CAUSES OR FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATHS IN FACILITIES OR PROGRAMS OPERATED OR LICENSED BY THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION OR OPERATING BY WAIVER UNDER § 7–903(B) OF THIS ARTICLE;

(2) IDENTIFY PATTERNS AND SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS AND ENSURE CONSISTENCY IN THE REVIEW PROCESS; AND

(3) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY TO PREVENT AVOIDABLE DEATHS AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF CARE.