

The Attorney General, in consultation with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance, and other interested persons, shall study:

(1) whether the emergency medical services "do not resuscitate order" form issued by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems should be simplified to facilitate its use;

(2) the circumstances, if any, under which an emergency medical services "do not resuscitate order" should guide the actions of individuals who are not health care providers but who are authorized to operate an automated external defibrillator;

(3) whether a program should be established for distribution of, and education concerning, an order form that would apply not only to resuscitation and alternatives to resuscitation by emergency medical services personnel but also to life sustaining procedures more generally, in a manner comparable to a form used in Oregon known as the Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST); and

(4) if a program described in paragraph (3) of this section were established, the most appropriate organization to operate it, its resource needs, and the means by which its effectiveness might be evaluated.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Attorney General shall report the findings of the study required by Section 2 of this Act to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2001, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

CHAPTER 153

(House Bill 791)

AN ACT concerning

Real Property - Landlord Tenant

FOR the purpose of conforming certain provisions of law to provisions that describe a judicial proceeding involving a landlord and a tenant; authorizing the court to enter certain judgments against a tenant for failure to pay rent and late fees in a landlord and tenant proceeding; and generally relating to landlord and tenant proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings