

Approved April 20, 2001.

CHAPTER 223

(House Bill 420)

AN ACT concerning:

Reporting of Communicable Diseases

FOR the purpose of adding certain diseases to a list of diseases that are reportable by a director of a medical laboratory to a certain health officer within a specified period of time; modifying the existing designations of diseases on the list; defining invasive disease; providing an exemption for a report of noncholera vibriosis under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the reporting of certain diseases by medical laboratories.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 18-205

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume)

(As enacted by Chapter 419 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

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

Article - Health - General

18-205.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "INVASIVE DISEASE" MEANS A DISEASE IN WHICH AN ORGANISM IS DETECTED IN A SPECIMEN TAKEN FROM A NORMALLY STERILE BODY SITE.

[(a) (1)] (B) The director of a medical laboratory shall submit a report to the health officer for the county where the laboratory is located within 48 hours after an examination of a specimen from a human body shows evidence of any of the following:

- (i) Gonorrhea.
- (ii) Viral hepatitis type A.
- (iii) Viral hepatitis type B.
- (iv) Viral hepatitis type C.
- (v) Haemophilus meningitis.
- (vi) Meningococcal meningitis.