

CHAPTER 234

(House Bill 476)

AN ACT concerning

**Hospitals - Uniform Emergency Security Codes for Hospitals -
Establishment and Implementation**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with certain associations, to develop a uniform set of emergency security codes for hospitals; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; requiring hospitals to implement the provisions of certain regulations within a certain time; and generally relating to a uniform set of emergency security codes for hospitals.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-308.6

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Health - General

19-308.6.

(A) THE SECRETARY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS AND THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL SECURITY AND SAFETY DIRECTORS, SHALL DEVELOP A UNIFORM SET OF EMERGENCY SECURITY CODES FOR HOSPITALS.

(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE UNIFORM SET OF EMERGENCY SECURITY CODES.

(C) EACH HOSPITAL IN MARYLAND SHALL IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFORM SET OF EMERGENCY SECURITY CODES FOR HOSPITALS WITHIN 2 YEARS OF THE ADOPTION OF THE REGULATIONS BY THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.