

(2) To assure compliance with this section, the Secretary, or an agent of the Secretary, may inspect upon reasonable notice a representative sample of the medical records of patients diagnosed, treated, or admitted for cancer OR A CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM TUMOR at the facility.

(3) (i) Information obtained under this subsection shall be confidential and subject to Title 4, Subtitle 1 of this article.

(ii) This subsection does not apply to a disclosure by the Secretary to another governmental agency performing its lawful duties pursuant to State or federal law where the Secretary determines that the agency to whom the information is disclosed will maintain the confidentiality of the disclosure.

(iii) A cancer report is not a medical record under Title 4, Subtitle 3 of this article, but is subject to the confidentiality requirements of Title 4, Subtitle 1 of this article.

(4) Each hospital, freestanding laboratory, freestanding ambulatory care facility, therapeutic radiological center, or physician who in good faith submits a cancer report to the Secretary is not liable in any cause of action arising from the submission of the report.

(5) The Secretary, after consultation with the Cancer Registry Advisory Committee, the Maryland Hospital Association, and representatives of freestanding laboratories and therapeutic radiological centers, shall adopt regulations to implement the requirements of this section.

(6) The Secretary, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, shall submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on the activities of the cancer registry, including utilization of cancer registry data.

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

Approved April 20, 2001.

CHAPTER 252

(House Bill 647)

AN ACT concerning

State Government – Commemorative Months – Women's History Month

FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to proclaim the month of March each year to be "Women's History Month".

BY adding to

Article – State Government