

Article - Health - General

19-139.

~~THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR REDUCING THE INCIDENCES OF PREVENTABLE ADVERSE MEDICAL EVENTS IN THE STATE.~~

(A) THE COMMISSION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, SHALL STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A SYSTEM FOR REDUCING THE INCIDENCES OF PREVENTABLE ADVERSE MEDICAL EVENTS IN THE STATE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A SYSTEM OF REPORTING SUCH INCIDENCES.

(B) IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW:

(1) FEDERAL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IDENTIFICATION OF MEDICAL ERRORS INCLUDING THE MOST RECENT REPORT OF THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES;

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS OF NATIONAL ACCREDITING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE JOINT COMMISSION ON THE ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS;

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM;

(4) PROGRAMS IN OTHER STATES DESIGNED TO REDUCE ADVERSE MEDICAL EVENTS; AND

(5) BEST PRACTICES OF HOSPITALS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before ~~December 1, 2001~~ January 1, 2002, the Maryland Health Care Commission ~~shall report~~ issue a preliminary report and, on or before January 1, 2003, issue a final report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the House Economic Matters and House Environmental Matters committees, and the Senate Finance Committee on the Commission's recommendations ~~for implementing the provisions of this Act by legislation or regulation~~ as a result of the study required by this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.