

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2007.

CHAPTER 57

(House Bill 1137)

AN ACT concerning

Hospitals - Safe Patient Lifting

FOR the purpose of requiring hospitals to establish a safe patient lifting committee composed of certain members on or before a certain date; requiring the committee to establish a safe patient lifting policy on or before a certain date; requiring the committee to consider certain factors while developing a safe patient lifting policy; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the safe lifting of hospital patients.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 19-377 to be under the new part "Part X. Safe Patient Lifting"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

19-375. RESERVED.

19-376. RESERVED.

PART X. SAFE PATIENT LIFTING.

19-377.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "SAFE PATIENT LIFTING" MEANS THE USE OF MECHANICAL LIFTING DEVICES BY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES, INSTEAD OF MANUAL LIFTING, TO LIFT, TRANSFER, AND REPOSITION PATIENTS.