

(House Bill 351)

AN ACT concerning

Health - Sentinel Birth Defects - Information

~~FOR--the--purpose--of--requiring--hospitals--to--submit--anonymous--reports--to--the--Department--of--Health--and--Mental--Hygiene--on--each--child--who--is--born--in--the--hospital--with--a--sentinel--birth--defect;--prohibiting--hospitals--from--disclosing--the--identity--of--the--child--unless--certain--requirements--are--met;--requiring--the--Department--to--provide--information--on--sentinel--birth--defects--and--services--for--the--disabled;--requiring--the--Department--to--develop--procedures--to--survey--sentinel--birth--defect--trends--caused--by--environmental--hazards;--providing--that--this--Act--shall--terminate--at--a--certain--date;--and--generally--relating--to--the--reporting--of--sentinel--birth--defects.~~

For the purpose providing certain information to parents of children with sentinel birth defects and providing anonymous numerical information to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop procedures to study sentinel birth defect trends in surveillance of environmental hazards; requiring hospitals to submit to the Department anonymous data on each child born with a sentinel birth defect; requiring the Department to provide information to parents about sentinel birth defects and public and private services for the disabled with sentinel birth defects; prohibiting hospitals from disclosing the identity of the child unless certain requirements are met; providing that this Act shall terminate at a certain date; and generally relating to gathering information on sentinel birth defects for parents and the Department.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
Section 18-206
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 200) of the
Acts of the General Assembly of 1982)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 200) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982) read(s) as follows:

Article - Health - General

18-206.