

agents; specifying certain penalties under certain circumstances; ~~requiring the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to coordinate efforts with the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~; requiring a certain report by a certain date; requiring the Secretary to work collaboratively with the Maryland Emergency Management Agency, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, certain health care providers, and other interested parties on the implementation of this Act; making provisions of this Act severable; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations; making this Act an emergency measure; defining certain terms; and generally relating to catastrophic health emergencies.

BY adding to

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments
Section 2-201 through 2-204, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2. Governor’s Emergency Powers – Catastrophic Health Emergencies”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1997 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 18-901 through ~~18-907~~ 18-908, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Catastrophic Health Emergency Disease Surveillance and Response Program”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article 41 – Governor – Executive and Administrative Departments

SUBTITLE 2. GOVERNOR’S EMERGENCY POWERS – CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES.

2-201.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) (1) “CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY” MEANS AN IMMINENT THREAT OF EXTENSIVE LOSS OF LIFE OR OF SERIOUS DISABILITY CAUSED BY EXPOSURE TO A DEADLY AGENT.

(2) “DEADLY AGENT” MEANS:

(I) ANTHRAX, EBOLA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TULAREMIA, OR OTHER BACTERIAL, FUNGAL, RICKETTSIAL, OR VIRAL AGENT, BIOLOGICAL TOXIN, OR OTHER AGENT CAPABLE OF CAUSING EXTENSIVE LOSS OF LIFE OR SERIOUS DISABILITY;