

Article - Environment

1-405.

(a) The Secretary shall investigate:

(1) The influence of locality, employment, habit, and other conditions on health; and

(2) The causes of diseases and mortality to the extent that they may relate to environmental factors.

(b) The Secretary may adopt procedures to obtain information about cancers ~~that are caused by ENVIRONMENTAL carcinogens and toxic substances~~ and ~~about~~ the incidence of these diseases.

](c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department may provide patient-identifying information for patients treated in this State for cancer to a cancer control agency in another state if:

(1) The patient is a resident of the other state;

(2) The Department determines that the agency will preserve the confidentiality of the information; and

(3) The other state has authority to provide equivalent information on Maryland residents to this State.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 18-203 of Article - Health - General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

18-203.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE PATIENT-IDENTIFYING INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS TREATED IN THIS STATE FOR CANCER TO A CANCER CONTROL AGENCY IN ANOTHER STATE IF:

(1) THE PATIENT IS A RESIDENT OF THE OTHER STATE;

(2) THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE AGENCY WILL PRESERVE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE INFORMATION; AND

(3) THE OTHER STATE HAS AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE EQUIVALENT INFORMATION ON MARYLAND RESIDENTS TO THIS STATE.