

centers to be subject to inspections by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to impose certain penalties on hospitals or residential treatment centers when certain conditions are not satisfied; requiring the Secretary to consider certain factors prior to imposing certain penalties on hospitals or residential treatment centers; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to inspections of hospitals and residential treatment centers.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19-308(b)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19-308(b)(2) and 19-360

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article – Health – General

19-308.

(b) (1) To assure compliance with the standards adopted under this subtitle, the Secretary shall have an inspection made:

(i) Of each related institution, each nonaccredited hospital, and each nonaccredited residential treatment center for which a license is sought; and

(ii) Periodically of each related institution, each nonaccredited hospital, and each nonaccredited residential treatment center for which a license has been issued.

(2) An accredited hospital and an accredited residential treatment center shall be subject to inspections under this subtitle by the Department [for] TO:

(i) [A complaint investigation] INVESTIGATE A COMPLAINT in accordance with § 19-309 of this part; [or]

(ii) [Reviewing] REVIEW compliance with a written progress report or other documentation of corrective action in response to a focused survey submitted by the hospital or residential treatment center to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations in response to a Type I finding that the hospital or residential treatment center is only in partial compliance with the patient care standards established by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; OR