

HOUSE BILL 455

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By: **Delegate Barron**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Assisted Living Education on Influenza**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each assisted living program to provide its residents with
4 educational material on the influenza virus on or before a certain date each year;
5 requiring that the educational material include certain information; prohibiting an
6 assisted living program from being required to pay for or provide an influenza virus
7 vaccine, unless otherwise required by law; and generally relating to educational
8 material on the influenza virus provided by assisted living program facilities.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General

11 Section 19–1813

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **19–1813.**

18 **(A) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, EACH ASSISTED LIVING**
19 **PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE ITS RESIDENTS WITH EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL ON THE**
20 **INFLUENZA VIRUS.**

21 **(B) THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL**
22 **INCLUDE:**

23 **(1) THE MOST RECENT INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINATION**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
2 IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES AND PUBLISHED IN THE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY
3 WEEKLY REPORT BY THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
4 PREVENTION;

5 (2) THE AVAILABILITY, EFFECTIVENESS, AND KNOWN
6 CONTRAINDICATIONS OF IMMUNIZATION AGAINST THE INFLUENZA VIRUS;

7 (3) THE CAUSES AND SYMPTOMS OF THE INFLUENZA VIRUS; AND

8 (4) THE MEANS BY WHICH THE INFLUENZA VIRUS IS SPREAD.

9 (C) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM
10 MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR OR PROVIDE AN INFLUENZA VIRUS
11 VACCINATION.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2018.