

Chapter 503

**(House Bill 1130)**

AN ACT concerning

**Residential Treatment Centers – Mandatory Reporting of Inappropriate Sexual Behavior**

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain residential treatment centers be subject to certain reporting requirements regarding inappropriate sexual behavior established by the Maryland Department of Health under certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the reporting of inappropriate sexual behavior.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 19–347.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

**Article – Health – General**

**19–347.1.**

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL BEHAVIOR” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN COMAR 10.01.18.02.**

**(B) A PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER COMAR 10.01.18.05 THAT APPLY WHEN A STAFF MEMBER OBSERVES, RECEIVES A COMPLAINT REGARDING, OR OTHERWISE HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL BEHAVIOR.**

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.**