

SENATE BILL 311

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By: **Senators Pugh, Benson, Forehand, King, Klausmeier, Muse, Peters, and Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mental Hygiene Administration – State Facilities – Surveillance Cameras**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration to install and
4 maintain a video surveillance camera system in certain State facilities;
5 requiring that any video surveillance camera system installed and maintained
6 in certain State facilities be used to monitor the activities of certain patients for
7 a certain purpose; and generally relating to surveillance cameras in State
8 facilities under the direction of the Mental Hygiene Administration.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 10–415
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **10–415.**

18 **(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL INSTALL AND MAINTAIN A VIDEO**
19 **SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEM IN EACH OF THE STATE FACILITIES UNDER**
20 **THE DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION.**

21 **(B) ANY VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERA SYSTEM INSTALLED AND**
22 **MAINTAINED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED TO MONITOR THE**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **ACTIVITIES OF PATIENTS IN STATE FACILITIES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF**
2 **PATIENTS AND FACILITY STAFF.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2012.