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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van T. Mitchell, Secretary

March 23, 2016

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House, H-107
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House, H-101
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: Health-General Article, § 13-706(b), Annotated Code of Maryland
2015 Report of the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program**


Dear President Miller and Speaker Busch:

Chapter 342 of the Acts of 2015 (SB 344) establishes the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program (the Program) within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the Department). The purpose of the Program is to provide a means of authorizing certain individuals to administer life-saving treatment to individuals who have severe adverse reactions to allergens or insect stings when physician services or emergency medical services are not immediately available in a youth camp. The enacted legislation further directs the Department to annually publish a report summarizing the incidents that occurred while the youth camp was in session that required the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine.

The Department has no incidents to report. There has not been a youth camp season since this law took effect on October 1, 2015. The 2016 camp season, which begins when schools end in June, will be the first year of this Program, so there will be no incidents to report until January 2017.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms. Allison Taylor, Director of Governmental Affairs at 410-767-6481.

Sincerely,


Van T. Mitchell
Secretary

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