

HOUSE BILL 519

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Hospitals – Parking for Patients**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring hospitals in the State to offer parking at no cost for inpatients
4 and outpatients; requiring hospitals in the State to display signage notifying
5 inpatients and outpatients of the availability of parking at no cost; and generally
6 relating to parking for patients at hospitals.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Health – General

9 Section 19–308.12

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 **19–308.12.**

16 **(A) (1) EACH HOSPITAL IN THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE PARKING AT NO**
17 **COST TO:**

18 **(I) EACH INPATIENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE INPATIENT’S**
19 **ADMISSION; AND**

20 **(II) EACH OUTPATIENT ATTENDING A SCHEDULED MEDICAL**
21 **APPOINTMENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE APPOINTMENT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO EACH PARKING**
2 **FACILITY OWNED, OPERATED, OR LEASED BY THE HOSPITAL AT WHICH THE**
3 **INPATIENT OR OUTPATIENT IS RECEIVING SERVICES.**

4 **(B) EACH HOSPITAL SHALL DISPLAY SIGNAGE AT EACH PUBLIC ENTRANCE**
5 **AND PARKING FACILITY INFORMING INPATIENTS AND OUTPATIENTS OF THE**
6 **AVAILABILITY OF PARKING AT NO COST.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2025.