SENATE BILL 943

J1   EMERGENCY BILL   2lr3108
                                                                                       CF HB 819

By: **Senator Salling**
Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2022
Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – COVID–19 and Other Influenza–Like Illnesses – Antibody Tests**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an individual to use proof of a positive antibody test to
4   satisfy a vaccination requirement for COVID–19 or other influenza–like illnesses;
5   and generally relating to COVID–19.

6 BY adding to
7   Article – Health – General
8   Section 18–405
9   Annotated Code of Maryland
10   (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

11   Preamble

12   WHEREAS, Individuals have the civil and human right to live and work without
13 undue restriction; and

14   WHEREAS, Medical authorities and institutions have established that antibodies
15 created by the human body, including antibodies to COVID–19 and other influenza–like
16 illnesses, are better, natural, more dependable, and equal to or more powerful than any
17 industrially manufactured vaccine; now, therefore,

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

20   **Article – Health – General**

21 **18–405.**

22   **(A)**   **THIS SECTION APPLIES WITH RESPECT TO COVID–19 AND OTHER**

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
    [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1   **INFLUENZA–LIKE ILLNESSES.**

2   **(B)   EXCEPT AS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY SHOW**
3   **PROOF OF A POSITIVE ANTIBODY TEST TO SATISFY ANY VACCINATION**
4   **REQUIREMENT, INCLUDING ANY VACCINATION REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED BY A**
5   **STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, AN EMPLOYER, AN EDUCATIONAL**
6   **INSTITUTION, A MEDICAL FACILITY, A BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, A NONPROFIT**
7   **ORGANIZATION, OR AN EVENT.**

8   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
9   measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
10   been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to
11   each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
12   enacted.