

HOUSE BILL 1471

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By: **Delegate Myers**

Introduced and read first time: February 25, 2013

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Statistics and Records – Electronic Filing of Death Certificates**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, beginning on a certain date, an individual who files a
4 death certificate or fetal death certificate to file the death certificate
5 electronically; and generally relating to the filing of death certificates.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Health – General
8 Section 4–212(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Health – General
13 Section 4–212(i)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Health – General
18 Section 4–213(a)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Health – General**

24 4–212.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) This section does not apply to a fetal death.

2 (I) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO FILES A DEATH
3 CERTIFICATE SHALL FILE THE CERTIFICATE ELECTRONICALLY.

4 4-213.

5 (a) (1) If a fetal death occurs after a gestation period of 20 weeks or more,
6 then within 72 hours after delivery, a certificate of fetal death shall be filed by:

7 [(1)] (I) The mortician who first takes custody of a fetus;

8 [(2)] (II) The person in charge of the institution or the person's
9 designated representative when a fetus is delivered in an institution;

10 [(3)] (III) The physician in attendance at or immediately after delivery
11 when a fetus is delivered outside an institution; or

12 [(4)] (IV) The medical examiner when a fetal death occurs without
13 medical attendance at or immediately after the delivery when a medical examiner's
14 inquiry is required.

15 (2) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO FILES A
16 FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
17 SHALL FILE THE CERTIFICATE ELECTRONICALLY.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2013.