

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 374 (Delegates Grosfeld and Marriott)  
Environmental Matters

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**Vital Statistics - Certificate of Birth - Reissue After Change of Sex**

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This bill provides for the issuance of a new birth certificate for persons who have had a sex change by surgical procedure. Specifically, the bill requires that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) issue a new birth certificate if requested by the person who had the procedure performed and a court has certified the change of sex. Current law provides for the amendment of such birth certificates.

The bill also provides that DHMH must retain and seal the original certificate and all relevant documentation. This material may only be unsealed by court order or by permission of the individual.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill's changes can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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