

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1304 (Delegate Grosfeld)

Environmental Matters

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

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.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill's changes can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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