

**SB0632/368570/1**

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 632

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Threatened Injury” and substitute “Substantial Risk of Abuse or Neglect”; in lines 4 and 5, strike “allow the disclosure of certain birth records data” and substitute “provide certain birth record information”; strike beginning with “use” in line 7 down through “term” in line 13 and substitute “provide certain information regarding certain individuals to the Secretary; requiring the Executive Director to take certain action following the receipt of certain information from the Secretary; providing a certain exception to the confidentiality of certain vital records”; in line 14, strike “threatened injury” and substitute “substantial risk of abuse or neglect”; and after line 19 insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 4-224

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 9, inclusive, and substitute:

**“4-222.**

**THE SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES BIRTH RECORD INFORMATION FOR A CHILD BORN TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE**

(Over)

**SECRETARY BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UNDER § 5-715 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.**

4-224.

To protect the integrity of vital records, to insure their proper use, and to insure the efficient and proper administration of the vital records system, a person may not, except as authorized in § 4-217, § 4-220, [or] § 4-221, OR § 4-222 of this subtitle or § 9-1015 of the State Government Article or by the rules and regulations of the Department:

(1) Permit inspection of or disclose any information contained in a vital record; or

(2) Copy or issue a copy of all or part of any vital record.”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 11 on page 2 through line 2 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

**“5-715.**

**(A) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE WITH IDENTIFYING INFORMATION REGARDING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE HAD THEIR PARENTAL RIGHTS TERMINATED.**

**(B) IF IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 4-222 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE, THE SECRETARY PROVIDES TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BIRTH RECORD INFORMATION FOR A CHILD BORN TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL:**

**(1) IDENTIFY THE CHILD AS SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT;**

**(2) VERIFY THE IDENTITY OF THE BIRTH PARENT; AND**

**(3) IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE CHILD RESIDES THAT THERE IS A NEWBORN RESIDING IN THE COUNTY WHO IS SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT.”.**