

HOUSE BILL 217

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ENROLLED BILL

—Health and Government Operations/Finance—

Introduced by **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

Proofreader.

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vital Records – Copies to County Registrars of Vital Records**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to
4 provide a copy of an original birth certificate to the registrar for vital records of
5 a county or Baltimore City where the birth took place; requiring the Secretary
6 of the Department, under certain circumstances, to provide a copy of the
7 original birth, ~~health~~ *death*, or fetal death certificate to the registrar in the
8 county in which the subject of the certificate resides or resided; authorizing
9 county health departments to use birth, death, and fetal death certificates to
10 carry out public health functions; and generally relating to vital records.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

12 Article – Health – General

13 Section 4–204

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

5 **Article - Health - General**

6 4-204.

7 (a) The Secretary shall collect, index, and safeguard from fire, loss, or
8 damage each certificate of birth, death, and fetal death.

9 (b) After registration of a completed **BIRTH**, [death] **DEATH**, or fetal death
10 certificate, the Secretary shall [send] **PROVIDE** a copy of the original certificate to the
11 county registrar for the county where the event occurred[. The copy may be
12 photographic or electronic or produced by other means as prescribed by the Secretary]
13 **AND THE COUNTY REGISTRAR WHERE THE SUBJECT OF THE CERTIFICATE**
14 **RESIDES OR RESIDED IF THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE**
15 **COUNTY WHERE THE EVENT OCCURRED.**

16 (c) **A COPY OF A CERTIFICATE PROVIDED TO A COUNTY REGISTRAR**
17 **UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE USED BY THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO**
18 **CARRY OUT PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS.**

19 (d) **A COPY OF A CERTIFICATE PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE**
20 **PHOTOGRAPHIC OR ELECTRONIC OR PRODUCED BY OTHER MEANS AS**
21 **PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2008.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.