

HOUSE BILL 1164

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Transport of a Decedent –**
3 **Proper Dignity**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt
5 regulations requiring certain persons authorized to transport the remains of a
6 decedent to show the decedent proper dignity as expected under accepted
7 mortuary standards and practices; and generally relating to the transport of a
8 decedent.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 5–513
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **5–513.**

18 **THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS REQUIRING ANY PERSON**
19 **WHO IS AUTHORIZED BY STATE OR LOCAL LAW TO TRANSPORT THE REMAINS OF**
20 **A DECEDENT TO SHOW THE DECEDENT PROPER DIGNITY AS EXPECTED UNDER**
21 **ACCEPTED MORTUARY STANDARDS AND PRACTICES.**

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2009.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

