

HOUSE BILL 319

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By: **Delegates Olszewski and Kach**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2014

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health General – Birth Certificates – Issuance of Copies**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the issuance of a certified or an abridged copy of a
4 birth certificate to an adult child of the individual to whom the record relates;
5 and generally relating to the issuance of copies of birth certificates.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Health – General
8 Section 4–217(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Health – General**

14 4–217.

15 (b) (1) A certified or abridged copy of a birth certificate may be issued
16 only:

17 (i) On order of a court of competent jurisdiction;

18 (ii) On request of the individual to whom the record relates;

19 (iii) On request of a parent, guardian, surviving spouse, **ADULT**
20 **CHILD**, or other authorized representative of the individual; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iv) In accordance with Title 5, Subtitle 3A or Subtitle 4B of the
2 Family Law Article.

3 (2) A certified or abridged copy of a birth certificate may contain only
4 the personal information that appears on the birth certificate and may not include any
5 confidential medical information that appears on the birth certificate.

6 (3) Birth certificate information may not be given if it is to be used for
7 commercial solicitation or private gain.

8 (4) A noncertified copy of a birth certificate including confidential
9 medical information may be provided to a unit of the Department to carry out its legal
10 mandate or to conduct Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved research or study.
11 Any report resulting from this research or study may not contain personal identifiers
12 unless authorized by the subject of the record or the subject's parent or authorized
13 representative.

14 (5) A copy of a birth certificate may be given to the Maryland
15 Immunization Program to improve childhood immunization rates.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2014.