

HOUSE BILL 661

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By: **Delegates Myers and Krebs**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2014

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 5, 2014

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Statistics and Records – Electronic Filing of Death Certificates**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or
4 before a certain date, to establish a process by which ~~death and fetal~~ death
5 certificates can be filed electronically and to educate physicians, physician
6 assistants, and nurse practitioners regarding the process; and generally relating
7 to the filing of death certificates.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 4–203
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 4–203.

17 (a) The Secretary is charged with administering efficiently and uniformly
18 this subtitle throughout this State.

19 (b) (1) The Secretary shall **[establish]**:

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.



1 **(I) ESTABLISH** appropriate methods and the necessary forms
2 for accurate registration of vital records;

3 **(II) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015, ESTABLISH A**
4 **PROCESS BY WHICH ~~DEATH AND FETAL~~ DEATH CERTIFICATES CAN BE FILED**
5 **ELECTRONICALLY; AND**

6 **(III) EDUCATE PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND**
7 **NURSE PRACTITIONERS REGARDING THE PROCESS BY WHICH ~~DEATH AND FETAL~~**
8 **DEATH CERTIFICATES CAN BE FILED ELECTRONICALLY.**

9 (2) The forms shall provide for the information that the Secretary
10 needs for proper registration and use of these vital records.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.