

Article – Health – General
Section 4–204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

4–204.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.

CHAPTER 258

(House Bill 230)

AN ACT concerning