

United States Government or to officials, boards or commissions of the United States Government or the State of Maryland or its political subdivisions.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 27 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, Edition of 1924, title "Health," sub-title "State Registrar of Vital Statistics," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

27. The State Registrar may upon request furnish any applicant for proper purposes a certified copy of the record of any birth or death registered under the provisions of this subtitle, and any such copy of the record of a birth or death, when properly certified by the State registrar to be a true copy thereof, shall be prima facie evidence in all courts and places of the facts therein stated. For each such certified statement he shall receive a fee of fifty cents, together with payment for the time of search, if over half an hour, at the rate of fifty cents an hour, to be paid by the applicant. Provided that no charge shall be made for a copy of any certificate requested by any person formerly in the military, air or naval service of the United States Government, when such certificate is to be used in connection with any claim such person may have against the said Government, nor shall any charge be made for any certificate requested by any officer, agent, commission, board or bureau of the United States Government or the State of Maryland, or any county or municipality of this State.

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CHAPTER 561.

AN ACT to add a new Article to Bagby's Annotated Code of Maryland, said new Article to follow immediately after Article 72, and to be known as Article 72A, and to be entitled "Parent and Child," and relate to the natural and testamentary guardianship of minor children, and to parental rights in general.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Article be and the same is hereby added