

REVISOR'S NOTE: Ch. _____, Acts of 1982, which enacted the Health - General Article, also repealed former Article 62, § 18 and enacted this section, to incorporate former Article 43, § 14(b)(4).

Throughout this section, references to the "Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene" are substituted for references to the former State Board of Health.

Subsection (a)(1) of this section is revised to reflect that, in practice, clerks of court send a copy of the marriage record, rather than a report of the marriage. This practice conforms to the requirements of former Article 43, § 14(b)(4)(i), which referred to safeguarding "duplicate permanent records of marriages". Therefore, subsection (b) of this section is revised to exclude marriage records from the forms that the Secretary provides, since the copy to be sent to the Secretary is included in the blank marriage licenses that the State Comptroller provides under Article 19, § 23 of the Code.

In subsection (a)(4) of this section, the requirement that the clerk of court certify the change is new language added to reflect the provision of former Article 43, § 14(b)(4)(ii) that prevented a change in the Secretary's records except "upon certification ... that the proposed change is correct and that the corresponding record of the clerk of the court is being changed in like manner." Since this former provision appeared to be a duty that the clerk of court should perform before sending a report to the Secretary, it is incorporated into this section, which sets forth the other duties of these clerks. See also HG § 4-206.

The provision of former Article 62, § 18 that gave legal effect to copies of marriage records "certified under the seal of the said Board {of Health}" is deleted as unnecessary in light of CJ § 10-204, which generally provides for use in evidence of certified public records. See also HG § 4-217, which enables the Secretary to provide certified copies of marriage records made after June 1, 1951.

Article 96 1/2 - Veterans

47.

(A) "ARMED FORCES" DEFINED.