

City, is deleted as unnecessary in light of the use of the defined term "health officer".

Defined terms: "County" § 1-101
"Health officer" § 1-101 "Vital record" § 4-201
"Secretary" § 1-101

4-203. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY.

(A) DUTY OF SECRETARY.

THE SECRETARY IS CHARGED WITH ADMINISTERING EFFICIENTLY AND UNIFORMLY THIS SUBTITLE THROUGHOUT THIS STATE.

(B) METHODS; FORMS.

(1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE METHODS AND THE NECESSARY FORMS FOR ACCURATE REGISTRATION OF VITAL RECORDS.

(2) THE FORMS SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE INFORMATION THAT THE SECRETARY NEEDS FOR PROPER REGISTRATION AND USE OF THESE VITAL RECORDS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43, § 16(a), the first and second clauses of the second sentence of § 14(b)(1), and the first sentence of § 28(h).

Subsection (b)(2) of this section, which is derived from the provisions in former Article 43, § 16(a) as to the contents of birth, death, and fetal death certificates, is revised to apply to all "vital records" for which the Secretary designs the forms.

The third clause of the second sentence of former Article 43, § 14(b)(1), which required the Secretary to provide forms, is deleted as overly broad since, e.g., the State Comptroller provides the marriage record forms and as unnecessary in light of the references throughout this subtitle to filing other vital records "on the form that the Secretary provides".

Defined terms: "Registration" § 4-201
"Secretary" § 1-101 "Vital record" § 4-201

4-204. BIRTH, DEATH, AND FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATES.

(A) COLLECTION; PRESERVATION; INDEXING.

THE SECRETARY SHALL COLLECT, INDEX, AND SAFEGUARD FROM FIRE, LOSS, OR DAMAGE EACH CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH, DEATH, AND FETAL DEATH.