

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

18-206.

(a) In this section, "sentinel birth defect" includes:

- (1) Anencephaly;
- (2) Spina bifida;
- (3) Hydrocephaly;
- (4) Cleft palate;
- (5) ~~Total-cleft~~ CLEFT lip;
- (6) Esophageal atresia and stenosis;
- (7) Rectal and anal atresia;
- (8) Hypospadias;
- (9) Reduction and deformity - upper limb;
- (10) Reduction and deformity - lower limb;
- (11) Congenital dislocation of the hip; and
- (12) ~~Down's~~ DOWN syndrome.

(b) (1) A hospital shall make a report on each child who is born live or stillborn in the hospital and has a sentinel birth defect. If a child is born outside the hospital, the person filling out the birth certificate shall make a report under this section.

(2) The Secretary shall appoint a committee of physicians, hospital representatives and officials from the Department to determine the information required under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) Each month the hospital shall submit the reports for that month, identified by hospital case number only, to the Department.

(c) (1) The hospital may not disclose the identity of the child to the Department unless: