SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take-effect-duly-17-1986 is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 29, 1986.

CHAPTER 251

(House Bill 1379)

AN ACT concerning

Vital Records - Fees for Copies

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to determine-by-regulation-the-fee-currently-set-by law, collect a certain fee for certain copies of birth, death, fetal death, and marriage certificates that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is required to collect; and providing a certain termination date for the provisions of this Act.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 4-217(c) 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

4-217.

- (c) (l) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Department shall collect a [\$2] \$3 fee AS-DETERMINED-BY-REGULATIONS-ADOPTED UNDER-THIS-SUBTITUE for each certified or abridged copy of a birth, death, fetal death, or marriage certificate or for a report that a search of the files was made and the requested record is not on file.
- (2) The Department may not collect a fee for a certificate requested by an agency of this State or any of its political subdivisions.