CHAPTER 464

(House Bill 797)

AN ACT concerning

Birth Certificates - Parents' Social Security Numbers

FOR the purpose of requiring the form the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene prepares for use as birth certificates to contain wording that requests the parents to indicate their social security numbers; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to birth certificates.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 4-208 and 4-211(d) Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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Article - Health - General Section 4-211(a) and (b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

4-208.

- (a) (1) Within 72 hours after a birth occurs in an institution, the administrative head of the institution or a designee of the administrative head shall:
- (i) Prepare, on the form that the Secretary provides, a certificate of birth;
- (ii) Secure each signature that is required on the certificate; and
 - (iii) File the certificate.
- (2) The attending physician shall provide or confirm the date of birth and medical information that are required on the certificate.