

CHAPTER 560

(Senate Bill 174)

AN ACT concerning

Sentinel Birth Defects

FOR the purpose of requiring a hospital to disclose the identity of a child who is born live or stillborn in the hospital and has a sentinel birth defect to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene under certain circumstances; requiring a physician to provide certain information to the parent or guardian of a child who has a sentinel birth defect at certain times; ~~requirint~~ requiring the Secretary to send a letter to the parent or guardian of a child who is born live or stillborn in the hospital and has a sentinel birth defect informing the parent or guardian of certain services; and generally relating to sentinel birth defects.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General  
Section 18-206  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1987 Replacement Volume)

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) Cleft lip;
- (6) Esophageal atresia and stenosis;
- (7) Rectal and anal atresia;