

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

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 4. INFANTS'-BLOOD-SAMPLES
IDENTIFICATION OF NEWBORN INFANTS

20-401.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "BORN" MEANS THE COMPLETE EXPULSION OR EXTRACTION OF A PRODUCT OF HUMAN CONCEPTION FROM THE MOTHER, REGARDLESS OF THE PERIOD OF GESTATION, IF, AFTER THE EXPULSION OR EXTRACTION, IT BREATHES OR SHOWS ANY OTHER EVIDENCE OF LIFE, SUCH AS HEARTBEAT, PULSATION OF THE UMBILICAL CORD, OR DEFINITE MOVEMENT OF VOLUNTARY MUSCLE, WHETHER OR NOT THE UMBILICAL CORD IS CUT OR THE PLACENTA IS ATTACHED.

~~(C) --"HOSPITAL"--MEANS AN INSTITUTION AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

(C) "CORD BLOOD SAMPLING" MEANS:

(1) TAKING A SAMPLE OF A NEWBORN INFANT'S BLOOD FROM THE INFANT'S UMBILICAL CORD; OR

(2) THE ACT OF PRODUCING SUCH A SAMPLE.

(D) "FOOTPRINTING" MEANS:

(1) AN INK OR OTHER TYPE OF IMPRESSION OF THE SKIN PATTERNS LOCATED ON THE SOLE OF A FOOT; OR

(2) THE ACT OF PRODUCING SUCH AN IMPRESSION.

(E) "INSTITUTION" MEANS:

(1) A HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(2) A FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTER AS DEFINED IN § 19-1101 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(3) ANY OTHER FACILITY THAT DELIVERS AN INFANT FROM ITS MOTHER.

20-402.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AFTER AN INFANT IS BORN IN A HOSPITAL BUT AN INSTITUTION AND