

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' FOOTPRINTS IDENTIFICATION OF NEWBORN INFANTS
4-401. 20-401.

(A) ~~(1)~~ IN THIS SECTION 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) "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.

~~(2)~~ "FOOTPRINT" (D) "FOOTPRINTING" MEANS:

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

~~(2)~~ (2) THE ACT OF PRODUCING SUCH AN IMPRESSION.

~~(3)~~ "INSTITUTION" MEANS A HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION, FREE-STANDING BIRTHING CENTER, OR ANY OTHER FACILITY THAT DELIVERS AN INFANT FROM ITS MOTHER.

~~(4)~~ "FINGERPRINT" MEANS:

~~(1)~~ AN INK OR OTHER TYPE OF IMPRESSION OF THE SKIN PATTERNS LOCATED ON THE FINGER, OR

~~(2)~~ THE ACT OF PRODUCING SUCH AN IMPRESSION.

~~(B)~~ (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AFTER A CHILD IS BORN IN AN INSTITUTION AND BEFORE THE CHILD LEAVES THE DELIVERY ROOM OF THE INSTITUTION, THE INSTITUTION SHALL FOOTPRINT THE CHILD AND FINGERPRINT THE MOTHER.