

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

Approved April 11, 1995.

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**CHAPTER 84**

**(House Bill 808)**

AN ACT concerning

**Birth Certificates – Preparation and Filing – Name of Father – Birth on Common Carrier**

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the time for preparing and filing birth certificates requiring that certain information regarding birth certificates be provided within certain time frames~~; requiring, under certain circumstances, the child's father's name be entered on the birth certificate; clarifying what is considered to be a child's place of birth under certain circumstances; and generally relating to birth registration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 4-208

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1994 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~~ ~~5 DAYS~~ after a birth occurs in an institution, OR EN ROUTE TO THE 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 WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER THE BIRTH.

(3) Upon the birth of a child to an unmarried woman in an institution, the administrative head of the institution or the designee of the administrative head shall: