

Resources transferring, from the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to the Director of the Social Services Administration of the Department of Human Resources, the responsibility over the filing of a disclosure veto prohibiting the disclosure of certain information contained in certain birth or adoption records; requiring the Director of the Social Services Administration to immediately forward a copy of the a disclosure veto filed with the Director to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; and generally relating to filing a disclosure veto prohibiting access to certain information contained in birth and adoption records.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5-3A-02

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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Article – Family Law

Section 5-3A-05

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article – Family Law

5-3A-02.

(a) An adopted individual at least 21 years old may apply to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for a copy of the following:

- (1) the original certificate of birth and any records that relate to the new certificate of birth of the adopted individual; and
- (2) the report of the decree or judgment of adoption filed by the clerk of the court under § 4-211 of the Health – General Article.

(b) If an adopted individual is at least 21 years old, a biological parent of the adopted individual may apply to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for a copy of the following:

- (1) the original certificate of birth and any records that relate to the new certificate of birth of the adopted individual;
- (2) the new certificate of birth that was substituted for the original certificate of birth of the adopted individual under § 4-211 of the Health – General Article; and
- (3) the report of the decree or judgment of adoption filed by the clerk of the court under § 4-211 of the Health – General Article.