

CHAPTER 640

(House Bill 78)

AN ACT concerning

Mortality Review Committee – Deaths of Individuals in State Facilities and Programs

FOR the purpose of requiring the Mortality Review Committee in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to evaluate causes or factors contributing to deaths in facilities or programs operated or licensed by the Mental ~~Health~~ Hygiene Administration; increasing the number of members on the Committee; making changes in the Committee membership; prohibiting members of the Committee from communicating directly with a State Psychiatric Superintendent; requiring the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report certain deaths within a certain time to the Committee; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality to review certain deaths of individuals with mental illness; providing the Office of Health Care Quality with a certain option under certain circumstances; requiring the administrative head of a service or program operated or licensed by the Developmental Disabilities Administration or a ~~State funded or operated~~ funded or operated by the Mental Hygiene Administration, upon notification of a death, to immediately report to the Secretary the death of an individual with a developmental disability or mental illness; and generally relating to the review of deaths by the Mortality Review Committee of individuals with a developmental disability or mental illness.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 4-219, 5-803, 5-804(a) and (f), ~~5-805(a)(1)~~ 5-805(a) and (d)(3), 7-207(a)(1), and 10-714(a)(1)

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 – Health – General

4-219.

(a) At least annually, the Secretary shall:

(1) Publish a report of vital statistics, including population estimates;
and

(2) Print and distribute the report to any official, agency, library, or other person whom the Secretary considers entitled to the report.

(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, by June 30 of each year the Secretary shall report to the State Commission on Infant Mortality