

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

Article - Health - General

~~4-201.~~

~~(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated:~~

~~(c) "Fetal death" means death of a product of human conception, before its complete expulsion or extraction from the mother, regardless of the duration of the pregnancy, as indicated by the fact that, after the expulsion or extraction, the fetus does not breathe or show any other evidence of life, such as heart beat, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscle.~~

~~(f) "File" means to present for registration any certificate, report, or other record including records transmitted by approved electronic media, including facsimile, of birth, BIRTH RESULTING IN STILLBIRTH, death, fetal death, adoption, marriage, or divorce for which this subtitle provides and to have the Secretary accept the record.~~

~~(m) "Registration" means acceptance by the Secretary and incorporation in the records of the Department of any certificate, report, or other record of birth, BIRTH RESULTING IN STILLBIRTH, death, fetal death, adoption, marriage, divorce, or dissolution or annulment of marriage for which this subtitle provides.~~

~~(n) "Vital record" means a certificate or report of birth, BIRTH RESULTING IN STILLBIRTH, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, dissolution or annulment of marriage, adoption, or adjudication of paternity that is required by law to be filed with the Secretary.~~

~~(o) "Vital statistics" means the data derived from certificates and reports of birth, BIRTH RESULTING IN STILLBIRTH, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce, dissolution or annulment of marriage, and reports related to any of these certificates and reports.~~

~~4-203.~~

~~(a) The Secretary is charged with administering efficiently and uniformly this subtitle throughout this State.~~

~~(b) (1) The Secretary shall establish appropriate methods and the necessary forms for accurate registration of vital records.~~

~~(2) The forms shall provide for the information that the Secretary needs for proper registration and use of these vital records.~~

~~4-204.~~

~~(a) The Secretary shall collect, index, and safeguard from fire, loss, or damage each certificate of birth, BIRTH RESULTING IN STILLBIRTH, death, and fetal death.~~

~~(b) After registration of a completed death or fetal death certificate, the Secretary shall send a copy of the original certificate to the county registrar for the~~