

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 after a birth occurs in an 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.

(b) Within 72 hours after a birth occurs outside an institution, a certificate of birth shall be prepared, on the form that the Secretary provides, and filed by one of the following, in the indicated order of priority:

(1) The attending individual.

(2) In the absence of an attending individual, the father or mother.

(3) In the absence of the father and the inability of the mother, the individual in charge of the premises where the birth occurred.

(c) If a birth occurs on a common carrier and the child is removed from the carrier in this State, the individual in charge or the owner of the common carrier or a designee shall prepare, on the form that the Secretary provides, and file a certificate of birth within 72 hours after the child is removed from the carrier.

(d) (1) ~~The form [prepared] PROVIDED by the Secretary under this section shall contain wording that [requests] REQUIRES the parents to indicate their Social Security numbers. EACH PARENT SHALL PROVIDE HIS OR HER OWN SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON THE FORM PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

(2) (I) IF THE FATHER IS NOT AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON THE FORM PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE FATHER SHALL PROVIDE HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

(II) THE FORM PROVIDED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL:

1. STATE THAT THE FORM IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OF PARENTS, TO BE INCLUDED ON THE PORTION OF THE FORM THAT REMAINS IN THE OFFICIAL BIRTH RECORD;