

(2) MEET ALL THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A LABORATORY TO PERFORM TESTS ON NEWBORN INFANTS FOR HEREDITARY AND CONGENITAL DISORDERS THAT ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study whether a coordinated statewide system for screening newborn infants in the State for certain hereditary and congenital disorders should be applied to all newborn infants in the State.

(b) The Department shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the conclusions from the study required under subsection (a) of this section on or before December 1, 2008.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 2009.

SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 2008~~ June 1, 2009.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.

CHAPTER 257

(House Bill 217)

AN ACT concerning

Vital Records – Copies to County Registrars of Vital Records

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide a copy of an original birth certificate to the registrar for vital records of a county or Baltimore City where the birth took place; requiring the Secretary of the Department, under certain circumstances, to provide a copy of the original birth, ~~health~~ death, or fetal death certificate to the registrar in the county in which the subject of the certificate resides or resided; authorizing county health departments to use birth, death, and fetal death certificates to carry out public health functions; and generally relating to vital records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,