

# HOUSE BILL 661

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By: **Delegates Myers and Krebs**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Statistics and Records – Electronic Filing of Death Certificates**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or  
4 before a certain date, to establish a process by which death and fetal death  
5 certificates can be filed electronically and to educate physicians regarding the  
6 process; and generally relating to the filing of death certificates.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Health – General  
9 Section 4–203  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 4–203.

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

18 (b) (1) The Secretary shall **[establish]**:

19 **(I) ESTABLISH** appropriate methods and the necessary forms  
20 for accurate registration of vital records;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(II) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015, ESTABLISH A**  
2 **PROCESS BY WHICH DEATH AND FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATES CAN BE FILED**  
3 **ELECTRONICALLY; AND**

4                   **(III) EDUCATE PHYSICIANS REGARDING THE PROCESS BY**  
5 **WHICH DEATH AND FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATES CAN BE FILED**  
6 **ELECTRONICALLY.**

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

9                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 July 1, 2014.