

Mr. Sidney M. Norton, Director, Bureau of Vital Records (cont'd)

We have reviewed the material that you furnished us and also the laws relating to vital statistics as contained in Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1951 Edition, and Article 12 of the Baltimore City Code, 1950 Edition, and are of the opinion that the administrative changes that you have proposed, with respect to the retention of documents submitted to the Bureau of Vital Records in connection with the registration of the delayed birth certificates and with corrections or additions made on original birth and death certificates, could be legally made by your Bureau.

Very truly yours,

/s/ THOMAS N. BIDDISON
City Solicitor

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/s/ W. THOMAS GISRIEL
Assistant City Solicitor

File No. 95304

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Miss Esther Lazarus, Director
Department of Public Welfare
1500 Greenmount Avenue
Baltimore - 2, Maryland

Dear Miss Lazarus:

Reference is made to your inquiry of December 30, 1955, concerning the authority of the Appeals Committee of the Department of Public Welfare in relation to bills for care at the Montebello State Hospital and whether the Committee can act in the same fashion as it does with relation to similar matters involving State Hospitals.

Under Article 43 of the Code, Sections 559 - 564, entitled "Chronic Hospitals and Infirmaries", the Department of Public Welfare of Baltimore City has the duty to determine the eligibility of any person for admission to any chronic hospital and infirmary, and to investigate the financial condition of such person and the financial condition of any relative or other person who may be legally chargeable with the prospective