

Defined terms: "Confidential record" § 4-101
"Person" § 1-101 "Secretary" § 1-101

4-103. PENALTIES.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as the second sentence of Article 43B, § 22(b).

Although former Article 43B, § 22(b) applied only to violations of the provisions that relate to confidential records of the Drug Abuse Administration, this section is revised to apply to violations as to any "confidential record" under this subtitle, and the lesser penalties that appeared in the second sentence of former Article 43, § 1-1(b) and the second sentence of former Article 52A, § 8(c) are deleted.

In making this change, the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code concluded that the discrepancies in penalties resulted from enactment at diverse times rather than an intent to treat confidential records of specific units differently. In this regard, the Commission noted that the same confidential information could be within the custody of several units, and violations in disclosing that record should be subject to a uniform penalty.

Defined term: "Person" § 1-101

SUBTITLE 2. VITAL STATISTICS AND RECORDS.

4-201. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language used as the standard introductory language to a definition section.

(B) BIRTH.

"BIRTH" MEANS THE COMPLETE EXPULSION OR EXTRACTION OF A PRODUCT OF HUMAN CONCEPTION FROM THE MOTHER, REGARDLESS OF THE PERIOD OF GESTATION, IF, AFTER THE EXPULSION OR EXTRACTION, IT BREATHES OR SHOWS ANY OTHER EVIDENCE OF LIFE,