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Harry R. Parker, 1983; Charles C. Burch, Jr., 1984; James F. Hart, 1984; Rev. Joseph L. Luca, 1984; Blanche Van de Castle, 1984; Morris N. Throne, 1985; Anna L. Parker, 1986.

WESTERN MARYLAND CENTER

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Western Maryland Center originally was established as Western Maryland State Hospital (Chapter 53, Acts of 1952). It opened in 1957. Currently it has 139 licensed hospital beds and 36 licensed skilled nursing home beds for rehabilitation services and the care of the chronically ill. An outpatient unit provides hemodialysis for patients with chronic kidney disease (Code Health-General Article, sec. 19-502).

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**DEPARTMENT OF POSTMORTEM
EXAMINERS**

**MARYLAND POSTMORTEM
EXAMINERS COMMISSION**

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The Department of Postmortem Examiners was created in 1939 to replace a decentralized system

of local coroners (Chapter 69, Acts of 1939). It is directed by a commission composed of the Professor of Pathology of the University of Maryland, the Professor of Pathology at The Johns Hopkins University, a representative of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene selected by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City, and the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. The Commission appoints all professional personnel. Other personnel are employed through the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Code Health-General Article, sec. 5-302 through 5-307).

The medical examiners investigate violent and suspicious deaths or deaths unattended by physicians throughout the State. They must file with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner reports of all deaths investigated. Records of the Department are open for inspection to the family of the deceased and are acceptable in court as evidence of the facts contained (Code Health-General Article, sec. 5-309).

The deputy medical examiner fee for each death investigated and all salaries and operating expenses of the Department are handled through the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in the budget section defined for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. This includes the expenses of performing autopsies in the counties, where such are authorized by the chief medical examiner, and of transporting bodies incident to all autopsies.

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
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The Assistant Secretary for Health Regulation and Policy Analysis coordinates the activities of the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the State Health Resources Planning Commission and assures that both organizations receive adequate administrative support. The Assistant Secretariat brings together the principal health regulatory functions of the Department and the Assistant Secretary provides leadership and guidance for the regulatory and licensing programs of the Department. With the assistance of a program evaluation staff, the Assistant Secretary develops recommendations for implementation by the Secretary to modify and shape the role of the Department. The Assistant Secretary assists in