

there be no Medical Society in any county, or if the Medical Society of any county fails or refuses to submit such list of names, the said Commission shall proceed to appoint a Deputy Medical Examiner, or Examiners, for said county. Each Deputy Medical Examiner shall receive as compensation \$15.00 for each death he investigates, in accordance with the provisions of this Article; such Deputy Medical Examiner when it becomes necessary, shall have the power to depute any other physician in the county to act as Deputy Medical Examiner in his place and stead.

1939, ch. 369, sec. 4.

4. It shall be the duty of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Assistant Medical Examiners and the Deputy Medical Examiners to attend to all the medical functions now devolving upon the coroners and post mortem physicians in Baltimore City, or upon coroners or Justices of the Peace, acting as Coroners, in the several counties of the State, and to perform all the duties imposed upon them by the provisions of this Article.

The office of said Chief Medical Examiner, and the Assistant Medical Examiners, shall be maintained in such building in Baltimore City as may be provided by the City of Baltimore, and the said Commission shall see that proper equipment is provided for the use of said Chief Medical Examiner and Assistant Medical Examiners, or arrange for the use of the Laboratory and other equipment of the State Department of Health, the Health Department of Baltimore City, the State Police Department and the Police Department of Baltimore City. It shall be the duty of the Chief Medical Examiner, or an Assistant Medical Examiner, to be on call at all times for the performance of the duties set forth in this Article.

1939, ch. 369, sec. 5.

5. When any person shall die in Baltimore City, or in any county of the State, as a result of violence, or by suicide, or by casualty, or suddenly when in apparent health or when unattended by a physician, or in any suspicious or unusual manner, it shall be the duty of the police or sheriff immediately to notify the Chief Medical Examiner and Assistant Medical Examiner, or a Deputy Medical Examiner, as the case may be, and the State's Attorney of Baltimore City, or of the county, as the case may be, of the known facts concerning the time, place, manner and circumstances of such death. Immediately upon receipt of such notification, the said Medical Examiner shall go to the dead body and take charge of the same. Such Medical Examiner shall fully investigate the essential facts concerning the medical causes of death and may take the names and addresses of as many witnesses thereto as may be practicable to obtain, and, before leaving the premises shall reduce such facts, as he may deem necessary to writing and file the same in his office. The Police Officer or Sheriff present at such investigation, or if no officer be present, then the Medical Examiner shall, in the absence of the next kin of the deceased person, take possession of all property of value found on such person, make an exact inventory thereof on his report and deliver such property to the Police Department in Baltimore City or Sheriff of the county, as the case may be, which shall surrender the same to the person entitled to its custody or possession; such Medical Examiner shall take possession of any object or articles which, in his opinion, may be useful in establishing the cause of death, and deliver them to the State's Attorney.