

FOR the purpose of altering the compensation for the deputy medical examiner for each medical examiner's case that the examiner investigates; altering the standard for when a certain medical examiner must file a certain report; providing that if the cause of death is established with a reasonable degree of medical probability a certain medical examiner must file a certain report; and providing that medical examiners' records must include date, cause, and manner of death.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Health - General
Section 5-306(e), 5-310(a), and 5-311(a)(2)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Health - General

5-306.

(e) Each deputy medical examiner is entitled:

- (1) For each medical examiner's case that the examiner investigates, to at least \$60 and not more than [~~\$75~~] \$80, as provided in the State budget;
- (2) If the examiner is called as a witness before a grand jury or in a criminal case, to the fee that the court sets; and
- (3) To any additional compensation that a county provides.

5-310.

(a) If the cause of death [in a medical examiner's case] is established [beyond a reasonable doubt] TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL ~~PROBABILITY~~ CERTAINTY, the medical examiner who investigates the case shall file in the medical examiner's office a report on the cause of death within 30 days after notification of the case.

5-311.

- (a) (2) The records shall be indexed properly and include:
 - (i) The name, if known, of the deceased;
 - (ii) The place where the body was found;
 - (iii) The date [and], cause, AND MANNER of death; and
 - (iv) All other available information about the death.