

Statistics, it is necessary to appoint more than one deputy local registrar in any registration district, the State Registrar shall authorize and direct the Local Registrar of Vital Statistics to designate and appoint as many additional competent persons to act as deputy local registrar as the said State Registrar may deem necessary. Each deputy local registrar appointed as herein provided shall accept the appointment in writing, and it shall be his duty to act as local registrar in his stead in case of absence, illness or disability, and when it is necessary in order to promote public convenience to do so, and who shall be subject to all rules and regulations governing local registrars. No local registrar or deputy local registrar shall issue any permit for the disposition of any dead body excepting upon the presentation of a proper and correct certificate of death, nor shall he in any case issue a permit for the disposition of any body already interred, entombed, transported, removed, cremated or in any other manner disposed of except as provided in this Act. Each deputy local registrar shall, on the last day of each month, transmit to the local registrar all certificates of birth or death in his possession.

Every local registrar shall on or before the fifth day of each month transmit to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics in the envelopes furnished for that purpose the originals of all certificates of birth or death remaining in his possession on the last day of the month next preceding, and if there are no such certificates of birth or death remaining in his possession he shall immediately certify such fact to the State Registrar in writing. The local registrar shall at the time of mailing his returns to the State Registrar mail to the County Registrar a copy of all certificates of birth or death certified as correct under his hand and remaining in his possession on the last day of the month next preceding.

Provided, that the State Registrar may in the event of unusual sickness or mortality or for the purpose of legal, legislative or other inquiry, require of any local registrar returns at shorter intervals. And provided that in case of births and deaths occurring in the City of Baltimore the State Registrar shall not require the return to him of the original certificates of births and deaths, but only such transcripts, tables, figures and compilations as may seem to him advisable or necessary.

It shall be the duty of all local registrars and deputy local registrars to receive death certificates and issue burial permits thereon, as hereinafter provided, and accept birth certificates