

service of the United States Government when such certificate is to be used in connection with any claim such person may have against said Government; nor shall charge be made for a certificate requested by any agency of the State of Maryland or any of its political subdivisions, provided that the State Board of Health shall be authorized to waive all or part of said fees when collectible from agencies of the United States Government.

27. (Certificates as Evidence.) Certificates of birth, death and stillbirth filed within six months after the event, and certified copies of such certificates, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated. Data therein pertaining to the father of a child are prima facie evidence only if the alleged father is the husband of the mother; if not, the data pertaining to the father of a child are not evidence in any proceeding adverse to the interests of the alleged father, or of his heirs, next of kin, devisees, legatees or other successors in interest, if the paternity is controverted.

28. (Penalties.)

(a) Any person who fails or refuses to execute and deliver a certificate of birth, death or stillbirth, as provided in Sections 17, 18, 20 and 21 of this sub-title and any person who wilfully furnishes false information for entry on a certificate of birth, death or stillbirth, or who wilfully enters false information on such certificate, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for each offense.

(b) Any person who wilfully makes or alters any certificate or certified copy thereof provided for under this sub-title except in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$500 or be imprisoned not exceeding six (6) months, or shall be both fined and imprisoned.

(c) Any employee or appointee of the State Board of Health or other person having access to the birth, death, and stillbirth certificates, who wilfully shall communicate to any person not authorized to receive the same, any of the facts recorded on any birth, death or stillbirth certificate, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$200.

(d) Any person who wilfully transports or accepts for transportation, interment, dissection or other disposition of a dead body without an accompanying permit issued in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$200.

(e) Except where a different penalty is provided in this section, any person who wilfully violates any of the provisions