

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 3 and 7 of Article 22 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Post Mortem Examiners", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3. The said Commission is hereby authorized to appoint a Deputy Medical Examiner, who shall be a licensed Doctor of Medicine, for each county in the State; provided, however, that an additional Deputy Medical Examiner or Examiners may be appointed for any county whenever, in its discretion, the said Commission shall deem it necessary or desirable to do so. The Deputy Medical Examiners shall be appointed from a list containing the names of not less than two qualified persons submitted by the Medical Societies of the respective counties; provided, however, that if 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 *not less than \$15.00 and not more than \$25.00* 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 deputize any other physician in the county to act as Deputy Medical Examiner in his place and stead.

7. If the cause of such death shall be established beyond a reasonable doubt, such Medical Examiner shall so report and file in his office within thirty days after his notification of such death. If, however, in the opinion of such Medical Examiner, an autopsy is necessary, the same shall be performed by the Chief Medical Examiner, an Assistant Medical Examiner or by such competent pathologists as may be authorized by the Chief Medical Examiner. A detailed description of the findings written during the progress of such autopsy, and the conclusions drawn therefrom, shall thereupon be filed in the office of the Chief Medical Examiner, or in the office of the Deputy Medical Examiner in the county where the death occurred. A copy of the findings and conclusions as to the autopsies performed in the several counties shall also be filed in the office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Provided, however, it shall be the duty of any Deputy Medical Examiner to call upon the Chief Medical Examiner or an Assistant Medical Examiner, or other person authorized and designated by the Chief Medical Examiner, to make an examination or perform an autopsy whenever he deems it necessary or desirable, and it shall be the duty of said Chief Medical Examiner or Assistant Medical Examiner to [go to the county for that purpose] *perform such examination, except in such cases as a competent pathologist is so authorized by the Chief Medical Examiner to perform such autopsy.* [In every case where an autopsy is performed in any county by the Chief Medical Examiner or Assistant Medical Examiner, the County Commissioners of such county shall pay to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall pay to said Chief Medical Examiner or Assistant Medical Examiner, as the case may be, his necessary traveling expenses.] *The necessary expenses for transportation of a body for autopsy by the Chief or an Assistant Medical Examiner or an authorized pathologist and such reasonable fee payable to the authorized*