

(5) *It shall be the duty of the Clerks of the several equity courts of this State to transmit to the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene upon forms to be supplied by the said Board a report of each decree of adoption or adjudication of paternity and a report of the revocation or amendment of any such decree.*

20. Birth and stillbirth registration.

(a) *Physician or midwife to file certificate with local registrar.—Every physician or midwife who shall be in attendance at the birth of any child shall, within three days succeeding the birth, file with the local registrar or deputy local registrar of the district of birth a proper and correct certificate of the birth.*

(b) *Absence of licensed attendant at birth.—In the absence of a licensed attendant at the birth it shall be the responsibility of the owner or custodian of the institution or premises where birth occurred to report the details of the birth to the local registrar of the district and to execute a correct and proper certificate of birth within 48 hours. Provided, that if the parents of the child have not received a birth registration notice within ten days, then such parent shall report the details of the birth to the local registrar who shall, after any necessary investigation, execute the certificate of birth.*

(c) *Review and countersigning midwife's certificate.—The stillbirth certificate shall be executed by the physician or midwife in attendance, provided that in the case of midwife deliveries, the county health officer or commissioner of health of Baltimore City, or their designated representative, shall review and countersign the certificates.]*

20. *Execution and filing of death certificate.*

(a) *The certificate of death shall be filled out and signed within twenty-four (24) hours after death by the physician last in attendance upon the deceased, except in such cases where the Medical Examiner takes charge of the corpse, in which case the certificate shall be executed by him.*

(b) *When the Medical Examiner is unable to determine the cause of death within twenty-four (24) hours after receipt of a corpse, he shall promptly make the entry "Inquest pending" in the cause of death section of the death certificate, and shall immediately forward such certificate in the usual manner prescribed for death certificates. As soon as the cause of death is ascertainable, he shall forward to the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene or its designated agent a report of such cause of death for entry on such certificate.*

(c) *Any person concerned with the execution of this sub-title shall promptly notify the Deputy Medical Examiner if the deceased was not under treatment by a physician during the terminal illness, or if he considers any of the following conditions to be either the cause of death or contributing to the death: (1) accidents including falls with fractures or other injuries; (2) homicide; (3) suicide; (4) other external manner of death; (5) alcoholism; (6) criminal or suspected criminal abortion; (7) cause of death is not known.*

(d) *The physician or medical examiner executing any certificate of death shall present it within the time limit prescribed in subsections (a) and (b) of this section to the funeral director or other person authorized to make disposition of the corpse.*