

body or fetus within seventy-two (72) hours after death. If the death certificate has been completed on a multicopy form, one part of which has been specifically designated as a "Burial-Transit" permit, and signed by the attending physician or medical examiner, such copy shall provide for subsequent entry of burial data and will serve as an automatic burial-transit permit.

(b) No person in charge of any cemetery or crematory or other place for the disposal of the dead shall inter or permit the interment or other ~~dispositions~~ DISPOSITION of any dead body or fetus unless it is accompanied by a burial-transit permit. Each sexton or person in charge of any cemetery or crematory shall endorse upon the permit the date of interment or other disposition over his signature and shall return all permits to the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene within ten (10) days after the date of interment or other disposition. Where there is no cemetery authority the funeral director shall endorse the burial-transit permit.

(c) The burial-transit permit as provided in this sub-title shall be full and legal authority for transit or interment or both in any part of the State.

(d) A burial-transit permit issued by any other state or foreign country shall constitute authority for interment within any cemetery of Maryland and shall be so accepted by cemetery custodians.

(e) A permit for disinterment and reinterment shall be required prior to disinterment of a dead body or fetus provided that reinterment is not to be made in the same cemetery. Such permit shall be issued by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene or the local health officer, upon receipt of an application form prescribed by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene under the provisions of this sub-title. When it is proposed to disinter all of the bodies in a cemetery for purposes of relocation or abandonment of the cemetery, one application shall be sufficient for such purpose.

23. Duties of Institutions.

Persons in charge of institutions as defined in this sub-title shall record and report all births, deaths, fetal deaths, and statistical data required by this sub-title, relating to their inmates or patients. The data shall be obtained from the best possible source and be presented to the persons responsible for execution of certificates under this sub-title.

24. [Care and use] Administration of county records.

(a) [Preservation by county registrar; inspection.—] The copies of birth and death records transmitted to the [county registrar] local health officers as provided [in this sub-title] by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene shall be preserved by [him] them and shall be open to inspection for proper purposes by [all] city, town or county officials and by the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene or its accredited representatives, provided that such examination shall be made in such a way that the contents of the registers shall not be subjected to risk of damage or alteration.

(b) [Inquiry where records not complete.—] The [county registrar] local health officer shall promptly inquire into the facts when any omissions or discrepancies in the personal or [statistical] medical