

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 23, 1969.

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CHAPTER 215

(Senate Bill 308)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 2 of Article 22 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Postmortem Examiners," removing the restriction as to the number of Medical Examiners and other professional staff to be appointed by the Postmortem Examiners' Commission.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 2 of Article 22 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume), title "Postmortem Examiners," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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The said Commission is hereby authorized and directed to appoint ~~five~~ SIX medical examiners, one to be known as chief medical examiner, ONE ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, and the other four as assistant medical examiners, a toxicologist, ~~an~~ ~~assistant toxicologist~~, TWO ASSISTANT TOXICOLOGISTS, and a serologist; *professional personnel such as medical examiners (one of whom shall be designated as chief medical examiner), toxicologists, and serologists as may be determined to be necessary by the Commission*, AN ADDITIONAL MEDICAL EXAMINER KNOWN AS A DEPUTY CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER AND AN ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT TOXICOLOGIST, and, subject to the approval of the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City, to fix their compensation which shall be paid by the Comptroller of the State of Maryland out of that portion of the funds collected by the Racing Commission allocated and paid to the several counties of the State and Baltimore City. The ~~chief medical examiner and the assistant~~ medical examiners shall be licensed doctors of medicine, and shall have had at least two years post-graduate training in pathology. The said Commission shall appoint, to such extent as may be authorized by the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City, such other professional or technical personnel, clerks and other employees as may be necessary for the proper administration of the Department and at such compensation as may be provided for by the said Board of Estimates in the ordinance of estimates of Baltimore City. Such other professional and technical personnel and the clerks and employees shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Sections 142 to 156, inclusive, of the Baltimore City Charter (1949 Edition), known as the merit system.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Commission from employing the services of physicians on a contract basis for part-time services as may be authorized by the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City.