

SECTION 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

CHAPTER 747

(House Bill 1266)

AN ACT concerning

Autopsies - Exceptions

FOR the purpose of providing that an autopsy on certain deceased persons may not be performed when the family of the deceased objects to the autopsy on bona fide religious grounds, unless [[the appropriate Circuit Court, with compelling reasons, orders the autopsy to take place]] authorized by the Chief Medical Examiner or his duly authorized agent; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 22 - Postmortem Examiners
Section 7
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1973 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 7 of Article 22 - Postmortem Examiners, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 22 - Postmortem Examiners

7.

(A) If the cause of [such] A death DESCRIBED IN SECTION 6 OF THIS ARTICLE [shall be] IS established beyond a reasonable doubt, [such] THE medical examiner shall so report and file in his office within [thirty] 30 days after his notification of [such] THE death. If, however, in the opinion of [such] THE medical examiner, an autopsy is necessary, the same shall be performed by the chief medical examiner, an assistant medical examiner or by [such] ANY competent pathologists as may be authorized by the chief medical examiner, EXCEPT THOSE