

Baltimore, and the [said] Commission shall see that proper equipment is provided for the use of [said] THE chief medical examiner and assistant medical examiners, or arranged for the use of the laboratory and other equipment of the State Department of Health, the health department of Baltimore City, the State Police Department and the police department of Baltimore City. It shall be the duty of the chief medical examiner, or an assistant medical examiner, to be on call at all times for the performance of the duties set forth in this article.

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(a) If the cause of a death described in § 6 of this article is established beyond a reasonable doubt, the medical examiner shall so report and file in his office within 30 days after his notification of the death. If, however, in the opinion of the medical examiner, an autopsy is necessary, the same shall be performed by the chief medical examiner, an assistant medical examiner or by any competent pathologists as may be authorized by the chief medical examiner, except those cases as provided in subsection (b). A detailed description of the findings written during the progress of the autopsy, and the conclusions drawn from the findings, shall 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, a deputy medical examiner may 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 the chief medical examiner or assistant medical examiner to perform the examination, except in those cases as a competent pathologist is so authorized by the chief medical examiner to perform the autopsy. The necessary expenses for transportation of a body for autopsy by the chief or an assistant medical examiner or an authorized pathologist or examination by a deputy medical examiner and any reasonable fee payable to the authorized pathologist as has been approved by the chief medical examiner for each autopsy the authorized pathologist may perform, shall be paid by the [Comptroller of the] State [of Maryland out of the revenues of the Racing Commission under the provisions of Article 78B of this Code].

[It shall be the duty of the Governor to provide for these payments in the budget for the fiscal year 1957 and every year after that, and the expenses may not be paid by the Comptroller unless provision for it has been made in the budget.]

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