

It shall be the duty of the chief medical examiner, and the deputy medical examiners, to keep full and complete records in their respective offices, properly indexed, giving the name, if known, of every such person, the place where the body was found, date and cause of death, and all other available information relating thereto. The original report of the chief medical examiner, assistant medical examiners, or deputy medical examiners, and the detailed findings of the autopsy, if any, shall be attached to the record of each case. The chief medical examiner, or in case of his absence or inability, an assistant medical examiner, and the deputy medical examiners, shall promptly deliver to the State's attorney of Baltimore City, or the State's attorney of the county, as the case may be, copies of all records relating to every death in which, in the judgment of such medical examiner, further investigation may be deemed advisable. The State's attorney of Baltimore City, or the State's attorney of any county, may obtain from the office of the chief medical examiner, or of the deputy medical examiners, as the case may be, copies of such records or other information which he may deem necessary. The records of the office of the chief medical examiner, and of the several deputy medical examiners, made by themselves or by anyone under their direction or supervision, or transcripts thereof certified by such medical examiner, shall be received as competent evidence in any court in this State of the matters and facts therein contained. A reasonable fee shall be charged for filing insurance blanks, etc., and [all such fees collected by the chief medical examiner and assistant medical examiners shall be paid into the city treasury of Baltimore City on or before the tenth day of each month, but] the deputy medical examiners of the respective counties shall be permitted to retain the fees collected by them. The records which shall be admissible as evidence under this section shall be records of the results of views and examinations of or autopsies upon the bodies of deceased persons by such medical examiner, or by anyone under his direct supervision or control, and shall not include statements made by witnesses or other persons.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That

(a) All employees of the Department of Postmortem Examiners as of July 1, 1979, and who are so employed on June 30, 1980, and not then in the State merit system are transferred as of July 1, 1980, without further examination or qualification, to the State merit system.

(b) The employee shall:

(1) Be fully subject to the provisions of Article 64A of the Code entitled "Merit System" and of Article 73B of the Code, entitled "Pensions" except as set forth in (5);

(2) Be classified in the job classification in the State merit system which is commensurate with or higher