

Death Certificates

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain person to complete the certificate of death when the deceased individual's body is sent to the Anatomy Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 43 - Health
Section 20(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

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(a) (1) The certificate of death shall be filled out and signed within 24 hours after death by the physician last in attendance upon the deceased, except in those cases where the medical examiner takes charge of the corpse, in which case the certificate shall be executed by him. The physician or the medical examiner shall include only the following information on the certificate of death:

[(1)] (I) The name of the deceased;

certification; [(2)] (II) The cause of death; medical

[(3)] (III) The date and hour of death;

[(4)] (IV) The place where death occurred.

(2) All other information that is required on the certificate of death shall be executed by the funeral director or that person who is in charge of the remains of the body. HOWEVER, IF AN UNCLAIMED BODY OR DONATED BODY IS SENT TO THE ANATOMY BOARD, THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE FILLED OUT BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR, MEDICAL EXAMINER, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, OR OTHER PERSON LAST IN CHARGE OF THE BODY BEFORE IT IS SENT TO THE ANATOMY BOARD.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 1, 1979.
