

(2) IF A MORTICIAN DOES NOT TAKE CUSTODY, THE ATTENDING INDIVIDUAL.

(B) COMPLETION OF CERTIFICATE.

THE PERSON WHO FILES THE FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATE SHALL OBTAIN:

(1) THE PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM THE NEXT OF KIN OR THE BEST QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL OR SOURCE AVAILABLE; AND

(2) THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF CAUSE OF DEATH:

(I) FROM THE MEDICAL EXAMINER, WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER THE MEDICAL EXAMINER TAKES CHARGE OF THE FETUS; OR

(II) IF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER DOES NOT TAKE CHARGE OF THE FETUS, FROM THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER DELIVERY.

(C) FETAL DEATH OCCURRING ON COMMON CARRIER.

IF A FETAL DEATH OCCURS ON A COMMON CARRIER AND THE FETUS IS REMOVED FROM THE CARRIER IN THIS STATE, THE INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE OR THE OWNER OF THE COMMON CARRIER OR A DESIGNEE SHALL FILE A FETAL DEATH CERTIFICATE WITH THE SECRETARY WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER THE FETUS IS REMOVED FROM THE CARRIER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43, § 21(a), (b), (c), (e), and (d), as that subsection related to medical certification by a medical examiner.

In subsection (b)(2)(ii) of this section, the former reference to the "midwife in attendance" is deleted as inaccurate, since either an attending physician or medical examiner would supercede the midwife. See revisor's note to § 5-309 of this article.

In subsection (c) of this section, the reference to filing "after the fetus is removed from the carrier" is substituted for the imprecise standard "following the arrival of the carrier in Baltimore City or in the respective counties."

Defined terms: "Fetal death" § 4-201  
 "File" § 4-201 "Person" § 1-101  
 "Medical examiner" § 1-101 "Physician" § 1-101  
 "Mortician" § 4-201 "Secretary" § 1-101