

In this section and throughout this article, the title "State Postmortem Examiners Commission" is substituted for references to a "Department of Postmortem Examiners", of which the Commission was the head. This change conforms to current nomenclature, which, to avoid having a "department" within a department, was changed administratively in accordance with Article 41, § 3A(b) of the Code to be "Maryland Postmortem Examiners Commission". The word "State" is substituted for "Maryland" to avoid use of the duplicative terms "Maryland" and "State" and to correspond with the designations of other entities that this article governs.

Former Article 41, § 225, which provided that the Commission was the head of the Department of Postmortem Examiners and had the functions provided by law, is deleted as unnecessary.

Defined term: "Department" § 1-101

5-303. MEMBERSHIP; OFFICERS.

(A) COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.

THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING 5 MEMBERS:

- (1) THE BALTIMORE CITY COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH;
- (2) THE HEAD OF THE PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE;
- (3) THE HEAD OF THE PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE;
- (4) THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE; AND
- (5) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT, CHOSEN BY THE SECRETARY.

(B) OFFICERS.

- (1) FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A CHAIRMAN AND A VICE CHAIRMAN.
- (2) THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE SHALL BE AS THE COMMISSION DETERMINES.
- (3) THE VICE CHAIRMAN SHALL ACT AS CHAIRMAN WHEN THE CHAIRMAN IS ABSENT OR CANNOT ACT.