

Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the provision of former Article 43, § 21(d) that "when inquiry is required by the medical examiner, he shall investigate the cause of fetal death" is deleted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b) of this section, reference to "the medical examiner and State's attorney for the county where the body is found" is substituted for "the chief medical examiner and assistant medical examiner, or a deputy medical examiner, as the case may be, and the State's attorney of Baltimore City, or of the county, as the case may be". This substitution is made in light of 24 Op. Att'y Gen. 647 (1939) and the referenced 20 Op. Att'y Gen. 283 (1935) and 16 Op. Att'y Gen. 96 (1931).

In subsection (c) of this section, the former phrase "as he may deem necessary" is deleted since all "essential facts" should be reported.

In subsection (d) of this section, the reference to "the State's attorney's designee" is new language added to accommodate the actual practice of some medical examiners who deliver these objects to a police officer. That officer, in turn, testifies as to the chain of custody of the object.

Section 4-212 of this article also lists deaths of which a medical examiner is to be notified. The deaths included under that section differ from those listed in subsection (a) of this section. Also, § 4-212 of this article imposes reporting requirements on persons in addition to the sheriff or police required to report under subsection (b) of this section.

Defined terms: "Body" § 5-101
 "County" § 1-101 "Person" § 1-101
 "Medical examiner" § 1-101 "Physician" § 1-101
 "Medical examiner's case" § 5-301

5-310. AUTOPSIES.

(A) WHEN CAUSE OF DEATH ESTABLISHED.

IF THE CAUSE OF DEATH IN A MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CASE IS ESTABLISHED BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER WHO INVESTIGATES THE CASE SHALL FILE IN THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE A REPORT ON THE CAUSE OF DEATH WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER NOTIFICATION OF THE CASE.