

MEDICAL EXAMINER PROMPTLY SHALL DELIVER TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR THE COUNTY WHERE THE BODY WAS FOUND A COPY OF EACH RECORD THAT RELATES TO A DEATH FOR WHICH THE MEDICAL EXAMINER CONSIDERS FURTHER INVESTIGATION ADVISABLE. A STATE'S ATTORNEY MAY OBTAIN FROM THE OFFICE OF A MEDICAL EXAMINER A COPY OF ANY RECORD OR OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE STATE'S ATTORNEY CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

(D) EVIDENCE.

(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "RECORD":

(I) MEANS THE RESULT OF A VIEW OR EXAMINATION OF OR AN AUTOPSY ON A BODY; AND

(II) DOES NOT INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF A WITNESS OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL.

(2) A RECORD OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER OR ANY DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, IF MADE BY THE MEDICAL EXAMINER OR BY ANYONE UNDER THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S DIRECT SUPERVISION OR CONTROL, OR A CERTIFIED TRANSCRIPT OF THAT RECORD, IS COMPETENT EVIDENCE IN ANY COURT IN THIS STATE OF THE MATTERS AND FACTS CONTAINED IN IT.

(E) FEES.

(1) A MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL CHARGE A REASONABLE FEE FOR MAKING INSURANCE AND OTHER SIMILAR REPORTS.

(2) A DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER MAY KEEP ANY FEE COLLECTED BY THE DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 22, § 8.

As to subsection (c) of this section and the substitution of "State's attorney for the county where the body was found" for "the State's attorney of Baltimore City, or the State's attorney of the county, as the case may be", see revisor's note to § 5-309 of this subtitle.

Also in subsection (c) of this section, the references to "Baltimore City" are deleted as unnecessary in light of the defined term "county".

As to disposition of the fees collected by the Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner, or assistant medical examiner, see § 2-104(j) of this article.

Defined terms: "Body" § 5-101