

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43, § 62, except the last clause of that section.

Throughout this section, the defined term "health officer" -- which includes the Baltimore City Commissioner of Health -- is used to clarify the scope of this section. This use is based on the former reference to payment of costs by "the city, town or county".

In the introductory clause of subsection (a) of this section, the reference "take control of a body" is substituted for the obsolete reference "order the body to be removed and buried at the cost of the city ...", to conform to § 5-406 of this title, which provides for disposition of bodies under the control of public officers and others.

Also in the introductory clause of subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to the body "of anyone who has died of any infectious disease" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad reference to "a condition that endangers an individual".

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the words "at least" are added to avoid the unintended implication that more than 3 individuals could not petition the health officer.

Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the defined term "physician" is substituted for the reference to "a qualified medical practitioner", for clarity.

Also in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to asking "in writing" for an order is substituted for the reference to "a certificate signed by a qualified medical practitioner or the application of three persons", for clarity and brevity.

In subsection (a)(2) and (3) of this section, the references to "final disposition" are substituted for the references to burial, to encompass dispositions such as cremation and to conform to similar references elsewhere in this article.

Defined terms: "Body" § 5-101
"Health officer" § 1-101 "Physician" § 1-101
"Person" § 1-101