

and 10-1003
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 10-1004, to be under the new part
"Part II. Bodies"
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter ____ (H.B. 200) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982) read(s) as follows:

Article-22---Postmortem-Examiners

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(A) When any person shall die in Baltimore City, or in any county of the State, as a result of violence, or by suicide, or by casualty, or suddenly when in apparent health or when unattended by a physician, or in any suspicious or unusual manner, it shall be the duty of the police or sheriff immediately to notify 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, of the known facts concerning the time, place, manner and circumstances of such death. Immediately upon receipt of such notification, the said medical examiner, IF PRACTICAL, shall go to the dead body and take charge of the same. Such medical examiner shall fully investigate the essential facts concerning the medical causes of death, and may take the names and addresses of as many witnesses thereto as may be practicable to obtain, and, before leaving the premises shall reduce such facts, as he may deem necessary to writing and file the same in his office. The police officer or sheriff present at such investigation, or if no officer be present, then the medical examiner shall, in the absence of the next kin of the deceased person, take possession of all property of value found on such person, make an exact inventory thereof on his report and deliver such property to the police department in Baltimore City or sheriff of the county, as the case may be, which shall surrender the same to the person entitled to its custody or possession; such medical examiner shall take possession of any object or articles which, in his opinion, may be useful in establishing the cause of death, and deliver them to the State's attorney. IF IT IS NOT PRACTICAL FOR ANY OF THESE MEDICAL EXAMINERS TO IMMEDIATELY GO TO THE DEAD BODY, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL INVESTIGATE THE MEDICAL CAUSES OF DEATH WHEN THE DEAD BODY