

~~[(d)]~~ ~~(D)~~ "Health officer" means, unless expressly provided otherwise, the Baltimore City Commissioner of Health or the health officer of a county.

~~[(e)]~~ ~~(E)~~ "Includes" or "including" means includes or including by way of illustration and not by way of limitation.

(F) "LIFE PARTNER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS REGISTERED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF LIFE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SECRETARY UNDER TITLE 6 OF THIS ARTICLE.

~~[(f)]~~ (G) "Local health planning agency" means the health department of a jurisdiction or a body designated by the local health department to perform health planning functions.

~~[(g)]~~ (H) "Medical examiner" means:

- (1) The Chief Medical Examiner;
- (2) The Deputy Chief Medical Examiner;
- (3) Any assistant medical examiner; or
- (4) Any deputy medical examiner.

~~[(h)]~~ (I) "Person" means an individual, receiver, trustee, guardian, personal representative, fiduciary, or representative of any kind and any partnership, firm, association, corporation, or other entity.

~~[(i)]~~ (J) "Physician" means an individual who is authorized under the Maryland Medical Practice Act to practice medicine in this State.

~~[(j)]~~ (K) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

~~[(k)]~~ (L) "State" means:

- (1) A state, possession, or territory of the United States;
- (2) The District of Columbia; or
- (3) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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(a) In this section, "cemetery" includes a crematory or other place for final disposition.

(e) (1) A permit for disinterment and reinterment is required before the disinterment of human remains if reinterment is not to be made in the same cemetery. The Secretary or a health officer shall issue the permit after receipt of an application on the form that the Secretary requires.

(2) If all human remains in a cemetery are to be disinterred for purposes of relocation or abandonment of the cemetery, one application is sufficient for that purpose.