

SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE SHALL PAY THE FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES OF AN INDIGENT INMATE WHO DIES WHILE IN THE CUSTODY OF A STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

(B) AMOUNT.

THE STATE SHALL PAY THE SAME AMOUNT FOR THE FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES OF AN INDIGENT INMATE AS THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES PAYS UNDER ARTICLE 88A, § 62A OF THE CODE.

(C) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE BENEFIT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE FAMILY OF AN INDIGENT INMATE MUST BE KNOWN OR REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

(D) DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED BODY.

IF THE BODY OF AN INDIGENT INMATE IS NOT CLAIMED WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER DEATH, THE STATE ANATOMY BOARD SHALL TAKE CONTROL OF THE BODY FOR FINAL DISPOSITION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-406 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(E) REGULATIONS.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION, THE COMMISSIONER OF PRETRIAL DETENTION AND SERVICES, AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATUXENT INSTITUTION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 698A.

In subsection (b) of this section, the former phrase "except that there is no charge against local funds" is deleted as obsolete. Article 88A, § 62A was amended by Chs. 225 and 302, Acts of 1985, to repeal the requirement that one third of the cost for funeral expenses of recipients of aid to families with dependent children, general public assistance, and public assistance to adults be paid with local funds.

In subsection (d) of this section, the phrase "after death", which modifies the 48 hour time period required to pass prior to the State Anatomy Board taking control of the body for final disposition, is added for clarity and conformity with the provisions of § 5-406 of the Health - General Article.

In subsection (e) of this section, the former reference to the adoption of "reasonable" regulations is deleted as unnecessary in light of the comprehensive rules governing the adoption of regulations set forth under Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article.

Also in subsection (e) of this section, the former reference to "rules" and regulations is deleted for consistency throughout this article. See General Revisor's Note to this article.