

CASES AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B). A detailed description of the findings written during the progress of [such] THE autopsy, and the conclusions drawn [therefrom] FROM THE FINDINGS, shall [thereupon] be filed in the office of the chief medical examiner, or in the office of the deputy medical examiner in the county where the death occurred. A copy of the findings and conclusions as to the autopsies performed in the several counties shall also be filed in the office of the chief medical examiner. Provided, however, [it shall be the duty of any] A deputy medical examiner [to] MAY call upon the chief medical examiner or an assistant medical examiner, or other person authorized and designated by the chief medical examiner, to make an examination or perform an autopsy whenever he deems it necessary or desirable, and it shall be the duty of [said] THE chief medical examiner or assistant medical examiner to perform [such] THE examination, except in [such] THOSE cases as a competent pathologist is so authorized by the chief medical examiner to perform [such] THE autopsy. The necessary expenses for transportation of a body for autopsy by the chief or an assistant medical examiner or an authorized pathologist and [such] ANY reasonable fee payable to the authorized pathologist as has been approved by the chief medical examiner for each autopsy [such] THE authorized pathologist may perform, shall be paid by the Comptroller of the State of Maryland out of the revenues of the Racing Commission, pursuant to the provisions of § 19 of Article 78B of this Code.

It shall be the duty of the Governor to provide for [such] THESE payments in the budget for the fiscal year 1957 and [thereafter] EVERY YEAR AFTER THAT, and [such] THE expenses [shall] MAY not be paid by the Comptroller unless provision [therefor] FOR IT has been made in the budget.

[[ (B) IF A PERSON DIES SUDDENLY WHEN IN APPARENT HEALTH OR WHEN UNATTENDED BY A PHYSICIAN, OR IN A SUSPICIOUS OR UNUSUAL MANNER, AND THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED OBJECTS TO THE AUTOPSY ON BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS GROUNDS, THE AUTOPSY MAY NOT BE PERFORMED UNLESS THE APPROPRIATE CIRCUIT COURT, FOR COMPELLING REASONS, ORDERS THE AUTOPSY TO TAKE PLACE. ]]

(B) IF THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED OBJECTS TO THE AUTOPSY ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS, THE AUTOPSY MAY NOT BE PERFORMED UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.

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