

## CHAPTER 603

(House Bill 129)

AN ACT concerning

## Deputy Medical Examiners - Fees

~~FOR the purpose of repealing a provision that provides a set fee as payment to a Deputy Medical Examiner for investigations, and authorizing payment of a fee to a Deputy Medical Examiner for investigations as provided in the State budget,~~

FOR the purpose of altering the established compensation for the investigation of a death by a deputy medical examiner; and authorizing local governments to provide deputy medical examiners with additional compensation.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 22 - Postmortem Examiners  
Section 3  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1973 Replacement Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

## Article 22 - Postmortem Examiners

3.

The said Commission is hereby authorized to appoint a deputy medical examiner, who shall be a licensed doctor of medicine, for each county in the State; provided, however, that an additional deputy medical examiner or examiners may be appointed for any county whenever, in its discretion, the said Commission shall deem it necessary or desirable to do so. The deputy medical examiners shall be appointed from a list containing the names of not less than two qualified persons submitted by the medical societies of the respective counties; provided, however, that if there be no medical society in any county, or if the medical society of any county fails or refuses to submit such list of names, the said Commission shall proceed to appoint a deputy medical examiner, or examiners, for said county. Each deputy medical examiner shall receive ~~A FEE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATE BUDGET~~ as compensation [not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00)] NOT LESS THAN \$60 AND NOT MORE THAN \$75 AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET for each death he investigates, in accordance with the provisions of this article, ~~such~~. A DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER MAY RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FROM A LOCAL GOVERNMENT. A deputy medical examiner, when it becomes necessary, shall have the power to deputize any other