

(VI) CRIMINAL OR SUSPECTED CRIMINAL  
ABORTION.

(D) INABILITY TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF DEATH.

(1) IF, WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER TAKING CHARGE OF A BODY, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER HAS NOT DETERMINED THE CAUSE OF DEATH, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL ENTER "INVESTIGATION PENDING" IN THE CAUSE OF DEATH SECTION OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE.

(2) AS SOON AS THE MEDICAL EXAMINER DETERMINES THE CAUSE OF DEATH, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL SEND TO THE SECRETARY A REPORT OF THE CAUSE OF DEATH, FOR ENTRY ON THE CERTIFICATE.

(E) TIME OF PRESENTATION TO MORTICIAN.

(1) A PHYSICIAN WHO FILLS OUT A CERTIFICATE OF DEATH SHALL GIVE IT TO THE MORTICIAN WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER THE DEATH OCCURRED.

(2) A MEDICAL EXAMINER WHO FILLS OUT A CERTIFICATE OF DEATH SHALL GIVE IT TO THE MORTICIAN WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER THE MEDICAL EXAMINER TOOK CHARGE OF THE BODY.

(F) DEATH ON COMMON CARRIER.

IF A DEATH OCCURS ON A COMMON CARRIER AND THE BODY IS REMOVED FROM THE CARRIER IN THIS STATE, THE INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE OR THE OWNER OF THE COMMON CARRIER OR A DESIGNEE SHALL FILE A CERTIFICATE OF DEATH WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER THE BODY IS REMOVED FROM THE CARRIER. HOWEVER, IF THE DEATH OCCURRED UNDER ANY OF THE CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL BE NOTIFIED.

(G) TIME OF FILING BY MORTICIAN.

A MORTICIAN WHO OBTAINS A CERTIFICATE OF DEATH UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL FILE THE CERTIFICATE WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER THE DEATH.

(H) ONE CERTIFICATE PER DEATH; REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATE.

(1) EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A DUTY TO FILL OUT AND SIGN A CERTIFICATE OF DEATH MAY NOT EXECUTE MORE THAN ONE CERTIFICATE FOR A DEATH.

(2) THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR A MEDICAL EXAMINER WHO TAKES CHARGE OF A BODY MAY FILE A REPLACEMENT DEATH CERTIFICATE IF A CORRECTION THAT THE PHYSICIAN OR MEDICAL EXAMINER AUTHORIZES CANNOT BE ENTERED LEGIBLY ON THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE.