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§2-502.

- (a) There is a statewide DNA data base system in the Crime Laboratory.
- (b) The statewide DNA data base system is the central repository for all DNA testing information as provided in this subtitle.
- (c) The Director shall:
 - (1) administer and manage the statewide DNA data base system;
 - (2) consult with the Secretary on the adoption of appropriate regulations for protocols and operations of the statewide DNA data base system;
 - (3) ensure compatibility with Federal Bureau of Investigation and CODIS requirements, including the use of comparable test procedures, quality assurance, laboratory equipment, and computer software;
 - (4) ensure the security and confidentiality of all records in the statewide DNA data base system; and
 - (5) provide for a liaison with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other criminal justice agencies related to the State's participation in CODIS or in any DNA data base designated by the Department.
- (d) The Crime Laboratory shall:
 - (1) receive DNA samples for analysis, classification, storage, and disposal;
 - (2) file the DNA record of identification characteristic profiles of DNA samples submitted to the Crime Laboratory; and
 - (3) make information that relates to DNA samples and DNA records available to other agencies and individuals as authorized by this subtitle.
- (e) The Director may contract with a qualified DNA laboratory to complete DNA typing analyses if the laboratory meets the guidelines established by the Director.
- (f) Subject to § 2-511 of this subtitle, records of testing shall be permanently retained on file at the Crime Laboratory.

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