

# SENATE BILL 119

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By: **Senator Munson**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Deputy Medical Examiners – Investigative Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the compensation for investigations performed by certain  
4 deputy medical examiners so that fees are established through the State  
5 budget; and generally relating to the compensation for certain deputy medical  
6 examiners.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Health – General  
9 Section 5–306  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 5–306.

16 (a) This section does not apply to Baltimore City.

17 (b) (1) The Commission may appoint one or more deputy medical  
18 examiners for each county.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2)    The Commission shall appoint a deputy medical examiner for a  
2 county from a list of qualified individuals submitted to the Commission by the medical  
3 society of the county. The number of names on the list shall be at least twice the  
4 number of vacancies. However, if a county does not have a medical society or if the  
5 medical society does not submit a list of names, the Commission may appoint a deputy  
6 medical examiner for the county without a list.

7           (c)    Each deputy medical examiner appointed under subsection (b) of this  
8 section shall be a physician.

9           (d)    If necessary, a deputy medical examiner may deputize another physician  
10 in the county to act as deputy medical examiner.

11          (e)    Each deputy medical examiner is entitled:

12           (1)    For each medical examiner's case that the examiner investigates,  
13 [to at least \$60 and not more than \$80, as provided in the State budget] **TO A FEE**  
14 **THAT IS SET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET;**

15           (2)    If the examiner is called as a witness before a grand jury or in a  
16 criminal case, to the fee that the court sets; and

17           (3)    To any additional compensation that a county provides.

18          SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 July 1, 2007.