

CHAPTER 11

(Senate Bill 119)

AN ACT concerning

Deputy Medical Examiners – Investigative Fees

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

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

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

Article – Health – General

5–306.

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

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

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

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

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

(e) Each deputy medical examiner is entitled:

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2007.