

§3035. Fees

1. Fees. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4, the Office of Chief Medical Examiner shall charge a fee for providing report documents, histological slides and other items or additional services sought by a person entitled to obtain that item or service relating to a medical examiner case. Fees are to be paid in advance and according to the following fee schedule:

A. For report documents, the fees are as follows:

- (1) Report documents when no autopsy has been performed, \$15;
- (2) Report documents when an autopsy has been performed, \$35; and
- (3) Report documents under subparagraphs (1) and (2) accompanied by a certificate under section 3022, subsection 6, an additional fee of \$35, \$25 of which accrues to the Secretary of State; [PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. FFF, §1 (AMD).]

B. For histological slides, the fees are as follows:

- (1) For each slide, \$12.50;
- (2) A handling fee per case, \$25; and
- (3) For 21 slides or more, an additional handling fee, \$25; [PL 2017, c. 335, §2 (AMD).]

C. For other items and services such as photographs and transparencies, additional tests relating to toxicology or specimens and videotaping:

- (1) A handling fee per case, \$20; and
- (2) Anticipated costs of providing the item or service, including shipping charges; and [PL 2017, c. 335, §3 (AMD).]

D. For forensic preservation of body fragments and body fluids beyond the period established by the policy of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, a fee not to exceed \$100 per year, per case. [PL 2017, c. 335, §4 (NEW).]

[PL 2017, c. 335, §§2-4 (AMD).]

2. Report documents. For purposes of this section, "report documents" in a medical examiner case include the written report under section 3028, subsection 7; the written report of the findings of the autopsy under section 3028, subsection 8; and associated reports, including, but not limited to, toxicological reports, reports of forensic experts, reports of consultants and reports relating to harvested organs.

[PL 1997, c. 598, §1 (NEW).]

3. Exemptions. Exemptions from paying the fees established in subsection 1 are as follows.

A. A governmental agency is exempt from all fees in subsection 1. [PL 1997, c. 598, §1 (NEW).]

B. A health care provider who has rendered service to the deceased is exempt from fees for the copy of report documents under subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2). [PL 1997, c. 598, §1 (NEW).]

C. A next of kin of the deceased, as defined under section 2843-A, is exempt from the fee for one copy per family of report documents under subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2). [PL 1997, c. 598, §1 (NEW).]

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4. Waiver. Notwithstanding the fee schedule under subsection 1, paragraph A, fees for report documents relating to a medical examiner case may be waived at the discretion of the Chief Medical Examiner.

[PL 1997, c. 598, §1 (NEW).]

5. Deposit of fees. All fees collected must be deposited in a nonlapsing dedicated account within the Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

[PL 2017, c. 2, Pt. F, §1 (AMD).]

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