

red by said section nine, to the 33
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 ed by the office, medical exam- 35
 he pronouncement or certifica- 36
 pronouncement of death, a 37
 th who attended the decedent 38
 is covering physician, or the li- 39
 h person dead, or, if the death 40
 ical officer duly authorized by 41
 amed, furnish for registration 42
 ired by said section nine. No 43
 or purposes other than deter- 44
 sment from the deceased's next 45
 r his designee may allow any 46
 ment if excessive hardship to 47
 rwise result. The office may 48
 g the circumstances in which 49
 nouncement of death. Any physi- 50
 ronounce and certify death in 51
 napter forty-six when jurisdic- 52
 all be subject to a fine of not 53
 refusal shall also be reported 54
 . The chief medical examiner 55
 ements of this paragraph and 56
 of certifying the facts of the 57
 n cases where excessive hard- 58
 el or in other emergency situ- 59
 s promulgated by the office. 60

or burial at sea; authorization

r forensic investigator design-
 all, on payment of a fee as de-
 retary of public safety, which
 ly and make personal inquiry
 ath of any person whose body
 sea and shall authorize such
 o further examination or judi-
 necessary. Said fee shall be
 thORIZATION for cremation of
 collected by the office of the
 d to support the comprehen-
 ve services delivered by the
 ployed on a fee-for-service ba-
 nce of cremation views at

rate set by the secretary of public safety. Other medical examiners 15
 or forensic investigators performing cremation views will not receive 16
 additional compensation beyond their specified salaries. 17

38:15. Personal property of deceased; disposition

Section 15. A medical examiner responding to the scene of a 1
 death shall take charge of any money or other personal property of 2
 the deceased found on or near the body, or may request the police de- 3
 partment to do so. The medical examiner or police department 4
 shall, unless such money or property is required as evidence, deliver 5
 it to the person entitled to its custody or possession, or, if not claimed 6
 within sixty days, to a public administrator. A medical examiner or 7
 police officer who fraudulently refuses to deliver such property 8
 within ten days after demand or who converts such property to his 9
 own use shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand 10
 dollars or by imprisonment for not more than two years. 11

38:16. Required reports relating to certain controlled substances; sole cause of death; exposure of infants

Section 16. (a) The chief medical examiner shall file a report 1
 with the Food and Drug Administration's MedWatch Program any 2
 time the determined cause of death of an individual was due solely to 3
 the ingestion of a schedule II through schedule VI, inclusive, con- 4
 trolled substance, under chapter 94C. A report shall also be sent to 5
 the commissioner of public health in a manner determined by the 6
 commissioner of public health. 7

(b) On a monthly basis, acute hospitals, as defined in section 64 of 8
 chapter 118E, shall file a report with the commissioner of public 9
 health in a manner determined by the commissioner of public 10
 health. This report shall include the number of infants born in the 11
 previous month identified by the hospital as having been exposed to 12
 a schedule II through schedule VI, inclusive, controlled substance, 13
 under chapter 94C, as well as the number and specific causes of hos- 14
 pitalizations caused by ingestion of a schedule II through schedule 15
 VI, inclusive, controlled substance, under said chapter 94C. 16