

# HOUSE BILL 373

J1

2lr1491

---

By: **Delegate Reznik**

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2022

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

---

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Postmortem Examiners Commission – Minimum Staffing Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Postmortem Examiners Commission to ensure that  
4 the number of staff employed by the Commission does not fall to a level that would  
5 constitute a Phase II violation according to the National Association of Medical  
6 Examiners; and generally relating to the State Postmortem Examiners Commission.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Health – General  
9 Section 5–305(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 5–305.

16 (a) (1) The Commission may employ a staff in accordance with the State  
17 budget for the operation of the Commission and to maintain accreditation.

18 (2) The staff shall include:

19 (i) 1 chief medical examiner;

20 (ii) 2 deputy chief medical examiners;

21 (iii) Assistant medical examiners;

---

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iv) 1 chief State toxicologist, 1 deputy chief State toxicologist, lead  
2 toxicologists, and assistant toxicologists;

3 (v) 1 serologist;

4 (vi) 4 resident medical doctors who are training in forensic pathology;

5 (vii) 1 chief forensic investigator, 2 deputy chief forensic  
6 investigators, lead forensic investigators, and assistant forensic investigators; and

7 (viii) 1 autopsy services supervisor, 1 deputy supervisor, lead autopsy  
8 technicians, and assistant autopsy technicians.

9 (3) The Commission may employ any physician on a contract basis for  
10 part-time services.

11 **(4) THE COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE NUMBER OF STAFF**  
12 **EMPLOYED BY THE COMMISSION DOES NOT FALL TO A LEVEL THAT WOULD**  
13 **CONSTITUTE A PHASE II VIOLATION ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**  
14 **OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2022.