

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH**

**§ 2633. Office of Medical Examiner: Medical Examiner: Duties.**

The medical examiner shall perform autopsies and post-mortem examinations to determine or clarify the cause of death, provided written consent is secured from the nearest responsible relative. If a death occurs under conditions suggesting poisoning, violence, or unusual circumstances, and the cause and manner of death cannot otherwise be satisfactorily ascertained, an autopsy shall be performed if practicable whenever recommended by the Director of Public Health and Environmental Services or the Attorney General.

**Source:** PL 1-8, tit. 1, ch. 12, § 7, modified.

**Commission Comment:** With respect to the reference to the “Director of Public Health and Environmental Services,” see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001; see also the comment to 1 CMC § 2601.