§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).]

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).]

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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