



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 37

January Session, 2017

* SB00037PH 032917 *

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACCREDITATION OF THE OFFICE OF
THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 19a-403 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is established to be
5 operated under the control and supervision of the commission. The
6 expenses of the commission and of operating [said] the office shall be
7 paid by the state out of funds appropriated for the purpose. The office
8 shall be directed by a Chief Medical Examiner who shall be appointed
9 by the commission. [His] The office of the Chief Medical Examiner
10 shall be located at a medical school in this state. Not later than January
11 1, 2018, the office shall maintain full accreditation from the National
12 Association of Medical Examiners. The Chief Medical Examiner or any
13 member of the professional staff of the Office of the Chief Medical
14 Examiner who is summoned to give expert testimony in a civil action
15 in his or her capacity as the Chief Medical Examiner or a member of
16 the office shall be allowed and paid a witness fee of five hundred
17 dollars for each day or portion thereof the Chief Medical Examiner or
18 such staff member is required to attend court. Such fee shall be taxed
19 as a part of the costs of the action and be paid by the party requesting

20 the appearance, and any such fee received shall be deposited in the
21 General Fund except no fee shall be imposed if the requesting party is
22 the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-403(a)
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