

**641—127.5(144,331,691) Death certificates—deaths affecting the public interest.**

**127.5(1) *Completion.*** The funeral director to whom the body is released shall complete the personal data on the death certificate. The medical examiner shall complete the manner of death and cause of death sections of the death certificate within 72 hours after determination of the cause of death. If an autopsy is performed by the state medical examiner, the death certificate shall be submitted to the state medical examiner's office for completion. All information included on the certificate shall be typewritten.

**127.5(2) *Filing.*** The funeral director shall file the certificate with the county registrar in the county in which the death occurred. A death certificate shall be filed prior to the issuance of a burial transit permit and prior to disposal of the body.

**127.5(3) *Extension of time.*** If a medical examiner is unable to complete the manner of death and cause of death sections of the death certificate within the 24-hour time period, the funeral director shall file a death certificate form completed with all available information. Such certificate shall be authority for the issuance of a burial transit permit. Within 15 days, a supplemental report shall be filed with the local registrar which provides the information missing from the original certificate.

**127.5(4) *Additional standards.*** Additional rules relative to death certificates may be found at 641—Chapter 101.