

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 must complete the manner of death and cause of death sections of the death certificate within 72 hours after determination of the cause and manner of death. If an autopsy is performed by the state medical examiner, the death certificate medical certifier sections will be completed by the state medical examiner's office.

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 must file a death certificate form completed with all available information. Such certificate is authority for the issuance of a burial transit permit. Within 15 days, a supplemental report shall be filed with the local registrar that provides the information missing from the original certificate.

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