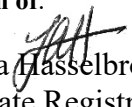


## STATE REGISTRAR NOTICE

<b>Subject:</b>  Use of Vital Statistics Improvement Account (VSIA) Funding	<b>Type:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Transitory	<b>Number:</b>  <b>2023-01</b>
<b>Date Issued:</b>  January 17, 2023	<b>Audience:</b>  PA County Coroners, Medical Examiners and County Offices	<b>By Direction of:</b>  Lisa  Hasselbrook State Registrar

Pennsylvania’s Vital Statistics Law of 1953 establishes the Vital Statistics Improvement Account (VSIA), the appropriation and acceptable usage of those funds, and charges the Department of Health (Department) with the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the act. VSIA funds are distributed to county coroner and medical examiner’s offices based on the percentage of deaths that occurred in each county. Funds are to be used specifically for modernization and improvement of coroner and medical examiner offices’ facilities, equipment, and training, as outlined in the act, excerpted below.

The [Vital Statistics Law of 1953](#), Article II, states in part:

Section 201. Department: General Powers and Duties.--The department shall:

(1) Administer and enforce the provisions of this act and the regulations made pursuant thereto.

Section 206. Vital Statistics Improvement Account.—

(a) There is hereby established the Vital Statistics Improvement Account as a restricted account within the General Fund.

(c) Moneys paid into the Vital Statistics Improvement Account are hereby appropriated upon approval of the Governor to the department and shall be distributed...

(3) County coroners or medical examiners shall use the funds received under this section for the purposes of laboratory or necropsy room modernization, including supplies, equipment, training and office and laboratory facility improvement or the modernization of equipment used for forensic investigation. (206 added Nov. 23, 2004, P.L.909, No.122)

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