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# HOUSE BILL 1157: Montgomery Cty/Repeal Coroner Office.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	May 26, 2020
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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 1157 would abolish the office of coroner in Montgomery County.

**CURRENT LAW:** Chapter 152 of the General Statutes sets out the duties of elected county coroners in the State.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 1157 would abolish the office of coroner in Montgomery County and provide that Chapter 152 of the General Statutes does not apply to Montgomery County.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** House Bill 1157 would be effective when it becomes law.

**BACKGROUND:**

- From 1965-67, several local laws were enacted providing for the appointment of medical doctors as county medical examiners and abolishing the office of coroner in several counties.
- In 1967, the General Assembly enacted S.L. 1967-1154 which established the State Office of Chief Medical Examiner to provide for a Statewide system for postmortem examinations of deaths related to crimes, suicide, prison confinement, or other specified circumstances.
- Since the 1960s, the office of elected county coroner has been abolished in most counties.

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