

day of January, 1909, the State of Maryland shall be charged with the maintenance, care, control and treatment of all dependent insane persons who are at that time residents of the State of Maryland. And as soon as practicable after the said first day of January, 1909, the State Board of Lunacy shall transfer from the several county almshouses and county and city asylums to one of the State Hospitals for the insane such dependent insane persons who are residents of the State of Maryland as in the judgment of the said Board of Lunacy should be so removed; and all such dependent insane persons, after their removal to one of the State hospitals for the insane, shall be maintained therein at the expense of the State."

In the first place, said Act carries no appropriation whatever. Secondly, if you should make the provisions of said Act effective, you must necessarily levy a large tax to meet such expenditures.

APPROPRIATION FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PRESENT SESSION.

Chapter 818 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1906, known as the General Appropriation Law for 1908, makes provision for the support of the State government, under various sub-titles, in these words: "That for the expenditures in the support of the State Government for the fiscal year beginning with the first day of October, 1907, and ending with the thirtieth day of September, 1908, the following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same are hereby appropriated, that is to say: 'For State Officers,' 'Judiciary,' 'Militia,' 'Legislature,' etc.," embracing the various branches of the State government. The appropriation under the sub-title "Legislature," is made as follows: "To pay the officers and members of the General Assembly, including postage, stationery, mileage and miscellaneous expenses, as follows to wit: For the per diem of the President of the Senate, at eight dollars per day, seven hundred and twenty dollars," and then follows the appropriations for the per diem of the other members of the Senate, certain employees thereof therein mentioned, the per diem of the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the per diem of the other members of the House and the per diem of certain officers of the House of Delegates therein designated, and ending with these words: "And for the above expenses of the Legislature the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated."