

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

CHAPTER 505.

AN ACT to abolish the County Insane Asylum in Allegany County, and to provide for the pauper insane of said county elsewhere.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That as soon as this Act takes effect the County Commissioners of Allegany County shall contract with the proper authorities of one or more of the hospitals or asylums for the care and treatment of the insane in this State, for the care, treatment, custody and support of the pauper insane then confined in said Allegany County Insane Asylum. But said commissioners shall not contract to pay more than one hundred and fifty dollars per annum per capita therefor; said commissioners shall not enter into any such contract for a longer period than one year at a time.

Care of a county's pauper insane.

Contract to be in writing.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the contract mentioned in the preceding section shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the said County Commissioners and the proper authorities of the hospital or hospitals with whom said commissioners make said contract or contracts, and filed in the office of the County Commissioners for safe keeping and preservation.

Commissioners to make contracts.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the County Commissioners of Allegany County shall make the contract or contracts provided for in the first section of this Act annually before they make the county levy, so that they may know what sum to levy upon the taxable property in said county to meet the expense of having said pauper insane cared for as hereinbefore provided for.

To notify Lunacy Commission.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That as soon as said County Commissioners of Allegany County shall have entered into the contract or contracts mentioned in the first section of this Act, they shall notify the Lunacy Commission thereof, and that they are ready to remove or cause to be removed from said Allegany County Insane Asylum, known as "Sylvan Retreat," the pauper insane from Allegany County to such hospital or hospitals as they have contracted with for the care and treatment of the same.

Allegany County Insane Asylum.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That as soon as practicable after receiving notice mentioned in Section 4 of this Act the Lunacy Commission shall visit "Sylvan Retreat," or the Allegany County Insane Asylum, and after as thorough an examination as practicable into the history of all dements, idiots and chronic