

upon the local boards of health and health officers for assistance, and it shall be the duty of all boards and officers so called upon for such assistance to render the same. It shall furthermore be the duty of said State Board of Health to transmit such data to the Chief of the Maryland Bureau of Statistics and Information, who shall record said data and include the same and a summary thereof in his annual report.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1912.

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#### CHAPTER 166.

AN ACT to authorize the State of Maryland to purchase a library from Mrs. Lucy Ford Sollers.

(Vetoed.)

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#### CHAPTER 167.

AN ACT to add a new section to be known as section 353A, to Article 4 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Orphans' Court," to follow section 353, providing for the payment of funeral expenses of decedents by executors and administrators.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section to be known as section 353A, be and the same is hereby added to Article 4 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Orphans' Court," to follow section 353 and to read as follows:

SEC. 353A. Every executor or administrator within ninety days after the grant of letters, shall pay, out of the first moneys received by him, after the first cost of letters of administration, and after all taxes due from his decedent shall have been paid or determined, the funeral expenses of his decedent, to be allowed in the discretion of the Orphans' Court according to the condition and circumstances of the deceased, in no event to exceed \$300.00, and the same shall be preferred to all debts and claims against the deceased, except for taxes due and in arrear from the decedent. If the said funeral expenses be not paid within ninety days after the grant of letters testamentary