

## CHAPTER 204.

AN ACT to authorize, empower and direct the State Board of Health of Maryland to provide for the treatment of indigent persons exposed to the contagion of hydrophobia and to appropriate a sum of money for this purpose.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the State Board of Health is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to provide for the treatment of persons exposed to the contagion of hydrophobia who are unable to pay the usual charges for the treatment known as the "Pasteur Treatment."

SEC. 2. The State Board of Health of Maryland shall prepare or purchase or keep on hand sufficient antirabic virus for the treatment of persons exposed to the contagion of hydrophobia, and shall administer such treatment to such persons in the City of Baltimore; provided, that if the said board is able to provide, by contract at reasonable rates, with competent and reliable individuals or institutions for the administration of the Pasteur Treatment, the said board is authorized and empowered to enter into contracts with such individuals or institutions in lieu of preparing or keeping on hand antirabic virus and administering the said Pasteur Treatment.

SEC. 3. The said board shall provide for the Pasteur Treatment to such individuals as may present themselves to the said board in the City of Baltimore with a written statement from the Commissioners of the county in which they reside or the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, stating that such individuals are unable to pay the usual cost of such Pasteur Treatment.

SEC. 4. For the purpose of making effective the provisions of this act a sum of \$2,500.00 per annum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, payable by the Treasurer of the State upon warrant of the Comptroller, at such times and in such sums as may be authorized by the State Board of Health upon presentation of the proper vouchers.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1912.