

committed, and shall be further reported to the lunacy commission, with a statement of the mental condition of said person at the end of each three months of said patient's residence in the institution to which he or she has requested admission, and when discharged therefrom a copy of this section shall be read or exhibited to every person requesting admission to any institution, in accordance with its provisions.

1904, art. 59, sec. 38. 1888, art. 59, sec. 38. 1886, ch. 487, sec. 39.

38. No institution for the custody, confinement or treatment of the insane, whether public, corporate or private, shall be authorized to hold in confinement or custody any number of insane persons exceeding five for compensation, unless there shall be a physician in regular attendance upon such institution or house.

1910, ch. 715, sec. 38 A (p. 190).

39. The lunacy commission shall divide the State of Maryland into such number of hospital districts which, in its discretion, the commission may deem advisable for the proper care and custody of the insane. Whenever the lunacy commission shall deem it necessary to more conveniently care for the insane in the various hospitals, it may change the limits of such hospital districts. The commission shall notify the county commissioners of each county of the limits of the various districts.

1910, ch. 715, sec. 38 B (p. 190).

40. The lunacy commission, whenever it shall determine that any patient cared for at public expense and confined in any private or corporate institution or asylum, or in any almshouse, who is violent or whose case is acute, and said commission shall be of the opinion, after a thorough investigation, that said patient can be better cared for in a state hospital with better hopes of recovery, it may remove said patient to the proper state hospital at the expense of the county wherein the patient was found at that time. And whenever said commission shall find anyone in a state hospital whose condition shall have become chronic or who is likely to do as well in a county asylum as in a state hospital, it may order the county to which the maintenance of said patient is chargeable to remove him or her to some county asylum which shall have complied with the rules of said commission relative to the keeping of insane patients, but in no case shall a patient in a state hospital be thus transferred, except upon the written consent of his or her immediate relatives. It shall be unlawful to convey any woman patient to any institution, asylum, hospital, home or retreat for the insane, or to transfer any woman patient from or to any such place, except such woman patient be accompanied by some relative, friend or nurse of the same sex. This shall not apply to any woman patient accompanied by her father, husband or adult brother or son.