

An. Code, 1924, sec. 34. 1912, sec. 23. 1904, sec. 21. 1888, sec. 8. 1886, ch. 22, sec. 1. 1898, ch. 312. 1902, ch. 159. 1922, ch. 226.

**32.** It shall be the duty of the state board of health to take such action and adopt and enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary to prevent the introduction of any infectious or contagious disease into this state, or to prevent the spread of any infectious or contagious disease whether or not such disease shall exist within this State at the time of the passage of this act, and any person or persons or corporations refusing or neglecting to obey such rules and regulations, after due notice thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars for every such offense. Whenever necessary, the state board of health may call public conference of health officers, or may, by a vote of a majority of its members, send a delegate to any conference of local, state or national health officers.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 35. 1912, sec. 24. 1910, ch. 560, sec. 21A (p. 140). 1922, ch. 482, sec. 24.

**33.** The State Board of Health is authorized and empowered to establish six bureaus, to be known as the bureau of communicable diseases, the bureau of bacteriology, the bureau of chemistry, the bureau of sanitary engineering, the bureau of vital statistics, and the bureau of child hygiene.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 36. 1912, sec. 25. 1910, ch. 560, sec. 21B (p. 141).

**34.** The bureau of communicable diseases shall secure accurate and complete returns of communicable diseases in Maryland; it shall examine into the prevalence and causes of such diseases and devise means for their control; it shall examine into and investigate epidemics and nuisances and devise means for their control; it shall publish monthly a bulletin for health officers and perform such other duties and exercise such other functions as the state board of health or the Director thereof shall designate.

Employees with communicable diseases are prohibited in laundries—see art. 54A, sec. 4.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 37. 1912, sec. 26. 1910, ch. 560, sec. 21C (p. 141). 1912, ch. 153, sec. 21C.

**35.** The Bureau of Bacteriology shall conduct inquiries into the nature, source and vehicles of infectious diseases; it shall establish and maintain under the direction of the State Board of Health a properly equipped laboratory. The services of the said bureau shall be free to all local boards of health and to all practicing physicians of the State for such inquiries concerning infectious and contagious diseases as the said board may from time to time direct; and to the vaccine agent for testing vaccine virus; it shall examine into and analyze public and private water supplies, milk and other foods. It shall examine properly prepared specimens from all animals known or suspected to be suffering from hydrophobia or rabies, and shall perform such other duties and exercise such other functions as the State Board of Health or the Director thereof shall designate.

1939, ch. 256.

**36.** The State Board of Health is hereby authorized and empowered to establish such minimum standards and qualifications as they may consider necessary for any laboratories in the counties of the State, but not in Baltimore City, which make examinations in connection with the diagnosis and control of human diseases.