

1886, ch. 487, sec. 32.

**31.** No person shall be committed to or confined as a patient in any institution, public, corporate or private, or almshouse, or other place for the care and custody of the insane or idiotic, except upon the written certificates of two qualified physicians, made within one week after separate examination by them of said alleged lunatic, and setting forth the insanity or idiocy of such person, and the reason for such opinion. The form of physician's certificate shall be substantially as follows: State of Maryland, county or city of ———, dated ———, I, a resident of the county or city of ———, being a graduate of ——— medical college, and having practised as a physician five years, do hereby certify that on this ——— day of ———, I have personally examined ———, age, ———, (sex,) ———, (social state,) and do verily believe that the said ——— is insane, and that the disease is of a character which, in my opinion, requires that the person shall be placed in a hospital or other establishment where the insane are detained for care and treatment; I further certify, that I am not related by blood or marriage to the said ———, nor in any way connected as medical attendant or otherwise, with the hospital or other establishment in which it is proposed to place the aforesaid ———; and that this certificate is signed and made within one week of the examination of the patient.

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Residence, —————.

This section shall not apply to the cases of insane paupers, as regulated by sections 1 to 10, inclusive, nor to the cases of voluntary commitments, as provided for in section 37.

Ibid. sec. 33.

**32.** It shall not be lawful for any physician to certify to the insanity of any person for the purpose of committing such person to confinement in an asylum or other place where the insane are kept, with which said physician may be in any manner connected or in which he may be in anywise interested.

Ibid. sec. 34.

**33.** All superintendents or other officers of any asylum or other institution where the insane are kept in custody, or received