

any disinterested person, and by his attending physician, for a period not exceeding three months; said contract may be extended by renewal; but if, at the expiration of the period of contract, such person should be insane and unfit to be discharged, in the opinion of the medical superintendent, the lunacy commission shall be duly notified in writing of the facts, and said commission shall investigate the same, and if, in their opinion such person is unfit to be discharged, then and in such case, said commission shall be authorized to renew the contract by their own authority for one month at a time.

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.

ARTICLE LX.

MANDAMUS.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application for. 2. Rule to show cause why it should not issue. 3. Answer. 4. Defendant not to be permitted to rely on any matter in second application which might have been pleaded to the first. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Pleading. 6. To stand for trial, when. 7. Trial by jury or court; judgment. 8. Costs. 9. <i>Ex parte</i> hearing. 10. Dismissal of petition with costs. 11. Must be peremptory. 12. Appeal bond. |
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P. G. L., (1860,) art. 59, sec. 1. 1806, ch. 90, sec. 9. 1858, ch. 285, sec. 1.

1. All applications for granting writs of mandamus shall be made to the circuit courts for the several counties, and the superior court of Baltimore city, the court of common pleas of Baltimore city, or the Baltimore city court, or to the judges of said