

insane, as defined in section 3, to notify the State's attorney of said county or city, and he shall immediately thereupon bring the said question before the circuit court for the said county or the Criminal Court of Baltimore, for determination in accordance with the provisions of this section. Nothing contained in this section shall prevent the friends or relatives of such lunatic or insane person from confining him or her or providing for his or her comfort.

1900, ch. 603.

3. No person shall be deemed entitled to the benefit of the preceding sections who shall possess or be entitled to receive sufficient income for his or her maintenance and support as a patient in any home, retreat or hospital for the insane in this State, or who has relatives or others legally chargeable with his or her support, who are able to pay for the maintenance and support of the said person as a patient at any home, retreat or hospital for the insane in this State. The county commissioners of any county or the supervisors of city charities of the department of charities and corrections of the city of Baltimore may consent in writing to the commitment in accordance with the provisions of section one of this article, of any indigent insane person from the respective counties or the city aforesaid not able to pay the whole cost of his or her maintenance, but who may be able to pay for part thereof, as a reimbursing patient, and designate the rate per week which shall be reimbursed to the county or city of Baltimore, from which said patient is committed; but no person shall be committed as a reimbursing patient who is able, or who has relatives or others legally chargeable with the support of said person, who are able to pay the rates for private patients at the State hospital or at any institution, home or retreat for the insane within the State.

Ibid..

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 of the State of Maryland, made within one week after separate examination by them of said alleged lunatic, and setting forth