

CHAPTER 267.

AN ACT to add new sections to the first article of the Code of Public Local Laws, entitled "Allegany county," to be sub-titled "Insane Asylum," and to vest in the County Commissioners of said county additional powers relating to the care of insane persons.

New sections SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following new sections be and are hereby added to the first article of the Code of Public Local Laws, entitled "Allegany county," to be sub-titled "Insane Asylum," and to read as follows, viz:

Build and erect. SEC. —. The³ County Commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to build, erect and maintain an Insane Asylum in said county for the safe keeping and treatment of insane paupers necessary to be maintained at the expense of said county, and of any other insane persons who may be received therein by order of said commissioners.

Power to contract. SEC. —. Said County Commissioners shall have full power to contract for the purchase of suitable land on which to erect the same, and to take and receive a deed of conveyance therefor, and to enter into a contract, or contracts, for the erection of a suitable building, or buildings, for said purpose, and for the purchase of materials for the same, and for the doing of all other acts necessary or proper to be done in carrying out said design.

Appoint officers SEC. —. After the erection of said asylum said commissioners shall have full power to appoint such managers, keepers, superintendents and physicians therefor as may be deemed necessary, and to prescribe rules for the government thereof, and to enter into agreements for the reception of inmates thereof, and fix and establish, from time to time, rates at which inmates not dependent on