

sult with health authorities of other States, and with the local Boards and all health officers in this State and secure an interchange of all useful sanitary information, especially respecting the causes, treatment and progress of epidemics; he shall keep on file all reports received from such Boards and all correspondence relating to the duties of this Board; he shall prepare blank forms of returns and such instructions as may be necessary, and forward them to the several local Boards of Health and all health officers throughout the State; he shall, when required by local Boards or any health officers, visit their respective districts, cities or villages, to investigate the cause of any existing disease, and shall, from time to time, and whenever directed by the Governor or the Legislature, make special inspections of public hospitals, asylums, prisons and other institutions, and shall, at each session of the Legislature, submit through the Board, a full report of his investigations, with such suggestions and recommendations as he may deem proper; he shall, when required by the Governor or other proper authorities, advise in regard to the location, drainage, water supply, disposal of excrement, heating and ventilation of any public institution or building belonging to the State, he shall collect information concerning vital statistics, prevailing diseases and the general hygiene of the State and through an annual report and otherwise, as the Board may direct, shall disseminate such information among the people. He shall have general jurisdiction and control over all health officers, inspectors, agents, nurses and others appointed under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Health, and shall assist and advise them in the performance of their duties, and shall have and perform such other duties as the State Board of Health may impose upon him. During his term of office he shall not engage in the practice of medicine or in any occupation which would conflict with the performance of his official duties.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 724.

(House Bill 329)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 168A of the Montgomery County Code (1939 Edition), title