

tions, including almshouses where the insane are kept, at least once in every six months and report the same to the Commission with such comments as may be necessary, which shall be recorded, and the said Commission may order the Secretary to make visitations of inspection at any time to any one or all of said institutions, including almshouses where the insane be kept, and report in writing the condition, management and treatment of such insane and idiotic to said Commission.

Secretary or
member to
visit.

SEC. 21. *And be it enacted*, That the Commission may, at any time, if in its judgment any person confined in any institution in this State as insane be not insane, bring the matter to the attention of the State's Attorney of Baltimore city, or the State's Attorney of any of the respective counties of the State, whose duty it shall be to apply to the proper tribunal for the writ of *habeas corpus*, whereupon proper inquiry and investigation may be had as to the mental condition of such person, and if the Court shall be of the opinion that such person is not insane, then the Court shall discharge such person; but in the event that the Court shall determine such person is insane, then the Court shall order that such person be returned to the institution from which he has been taken under the writ of *habeas corpus*.

Habeas corpus.

SEC. 22. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be mandatory upon the officers in charge of such places, or others, to furnish all information that may be requested by said Commission or Secretary thereof, and give free access to any member thereof, and to the Secretary of said Commission, to visit the insane or idiotic in their keeping; any refusal to do so on the part of any one, shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court in which the case may be tried.

To furnish
information.