

The Bill did not pass and, of course, the law remains unchanged by it at this time. While I have no knowledge concerning the origin of the Bill, I believe it may be safe to assume that its author considered that both the Maryland State Homeopathic Medical Society and the Board of Medical Examiners of that branch of medicine had ceased to exist and that the provisions which were sought to be deleted by the Bill had become unnecessary. Whether the effort to amend the law will be renewed at the next session of the General Assembly is, of course, a matter upon which we have no information. Nevertheless, an examination of Sections 148 to 157, both inclusive, of Article 41 of the Annotated Code, does not disclose that the General Assembly has conferred specific authority upon you to release these records and, of course, we may not step into the gap and assume to bestow that authority upon you. Under the circumstances, therefore, we believe that you are required to inform Dr. Reddick that you have no power to grant his request.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. EDGAR HARVEY

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N.B. This opinion was reversed January 3, 1955.