

SEC 2. *And be it enacted*, That all Acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed and that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 451.

AN ACT for the Creation of a Tuberculosis Commission.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Governor of the State be and is hereby authorized to appoint a commission, to be known as the "Tuberculosis Commission," to consist of five persons, three of whom shall be physicians, whose duty it shall be to investigate the prevalence, distribution and causes of human tuberculosis in the State of Maryland, to determine its relations to the public health and welfare, and to devise ways and means for restricting and controlling said disease.

Commission appointed.

SEC. 2. The members of said commission shall serve without pay, except expenses actually incurred, and shall continue in office for a term of two years from the date of their appointment. They shall meet in the city of Baltimore within thirty days after the date of their appointment, and thereafter as frequently as may be necessary; they shall fill by a majority vote any vacancy that may occur in their membership, and shall report the results of their investigations not later than January 1, 1904.

Serve without pay.

SEC. 3. All hospitals, dispensaries and other institutions having medical officers, and supported in whole or in part by public funds of the State of Maryland, or of any city or county in this State, shall cause to be made upon blanks furnished by the Tuberculosis Commission, records of such facts as may be available, for the use and purposes of said commission, concerning every case of tuberculosis coming under the care of such institution. The records so obtained shall be and remain the property of the institution where they are made; provided only, that said Tuberculosis Commission shall have free access to and use of such records during the period for which this Act shall remain operative.

Records of cases to be made.

SEC. 4. For the purpose of defraying necessary expenses, including printing, rent, postage and clerical assistance, the sum of four thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, to be paid by the Treasurer of the State, upon warrant of the Comptroller, at such times and in such sums as may be authorized by the commission.

Sum of money appropriated

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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