

shall be paid; provided, that such expenses shall not exceed annually the sum of three thousand dollars which is hereby appropriated from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

8. Whenever the State Board of Health shall have cause to believe that there is any danger of cholera, small-pox or other contagious or infectious disease invading this State or country, it shall be the duty of the said board to take such action and adopt and enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary to prevent the introduction of such infectious or contagious disease within this State, and any person or persons or corporation refusing or neglecting to obey such rules and regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars for every such offense. Whenever necessary, the State Board of Health may call public conferences of health officers, or may by a vote of a majority of its members, send a delegate to any conference of local, State or National health officers.

Duty of State board of health.

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 *And be it enacted*, That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed, and that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 9, 1898.

### CHAPTER 313.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 146 A, 146 B, of Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Revenue and Taxes," as passed at the January session of 1896, and to add a new section to said Article, to follow Section 146 E, and to be known as Section 146 E—1.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That sections 146 A, 146 B, of Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Revenue and Taxes," as passed at the January session of 1896, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, and that a new section be and the same is hereby added to said article to follow section 146 E, and to be known as section 146 E—1, said sections to read as follows:

Repeal.

146 A. All mortgagees or assignees holding mortgages of record in this State, shall annually pay a tax of eight per centum upon the gross amount of interest covenanted to be paid each year to said mortgagee or his assigns, by the mortgagor,

Tax of eight per centum to be paid.