

stances which shall be submitted to him for examination, and he shall report in writing the result of his analyses and examination to the secretary. The chemist shall annually make a report to the State Board of Health of the work done by him for the previous year. The chemist shall receive from the Treasury, in monthly payments, an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to be paid upon the warrant of the Comptroller, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 13, 1908.

CHAPTER 399.

AN ACT to repeal Section 54 of Article 43 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Health," sub-title "Infectious Diseases," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 54 of Article 43 of the Code of Public General Laws be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

54. All questions of doubt concerning the cause or nature of any sickness believed or suspected to be of an infectious or contagious character shall be referred to the State Board of Health, and the said board shall be authorized to employ a competent bacteriologist and assistant bacteriologist and such other employes as may be necessary to render effective the provisions of this Act; to conduct inquiries into the nature, source and vehicles of infectious diseases. The services of the bacteriologist of the State Board of Health shall be free to all local boards of health and to all practicing physicians in the State for such inquiries concerning infectious and contagious diseases as the said board may from time to time direct, and to the State vaccine agent for testing vaccine virus; and the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars annually, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the State upon the warrant of the Comptroller, at such times and in such sums as may be authorized by the State Board of Health upon presentation of the proper vouchers for expenses.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 13, 1908.