

of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, title "Lunatics and Insane," said seven additional sections to come in and immediately follow after Section 38 of said Article 59 and to be known, respectively, as Sections 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 38E, 38F and 38G, and to read, respectively, as follows:

38A. The Lunacy Commission shall divide the State of Maryland into such number of hospital districts which, in its discretion, the Commission may deem advisable for the proper care and custody of the insane. Whenever the Lunacy Commission shall deem it necessary to more conveniently care for the insane in the various hospitals, it may change the limits of such hospital districts. The Commission shall notify the County Commissioners of each county of the limits of the various districts.

38B. The Lunacy Commission, whenever it shall determine that any patient cared for at public expense and confined in any private or corporate institution or asylum, or in any almshouse, who is violent or whose case is acute, and said Commission shall be of the opinion, after a thorough investigation, that said patient can be better cared for in a State hospital with better hopes of recovery, it may remove said patient to the proper State hospital at the expense of the county wherein the patient was found at that time. And whenever said Commission shall find anyone in a State hospital whose condition shall have become chronic or who is likely to do as well in a county asylum as in a State hospital, it may order the county to which the maintenance of said patient is chargeable to remove him or her to some county asylum which shall have complied with the rules of said Commission relative to the keeping of insane patients, but in no case shall a patient in a State hospital be thus transferred, except upon the written consent of his or her immediate relatives. It shall be unlawful to convey any woman patient to any institution, asylum, hospital, home or retreat for the insane, or to transfer any woman patient from or to any such place, except such woman patient be accompanied by some relative, friend or nurse of the same sex. This shall not apply to any woman patient accompanied by her father, husband or adult brother or son.

38C. Whenever in the opinion of any medical superintendent or chief medical officer of any institution, hospital, asylum, home or retreat for the insane it may be for the benefit of any patient to grant such patient leave of absence or parole, on trial, such parole may be granted for a period not exceeding thirty days upon application in writing, indorsed by the relatives, friends or other persons at whose instance the said patient was first committed, and who shall obligate themselves