

CHAPTER 496.

AN ACT to repeal Section 41 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Health," sub-title "Infectious Diseases," and to re-enact the same with amendments; and to repeal Section 42 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Health," sub-title "Infectious Diseases," and to re-enact in lieu thereof a new section to be known as Section 42, requiring notification of deaths from contagious diseases to be sent to Health Officers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 41 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Health," sub-title "Infectious Diseases," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

SECTION 41. When any local health officer is of the opinion that the cleansing and disinfecting of any house or part thereof, and of articles therein would tend to prevent or check infectious diseases, it shall be the duty of such health officer to cause such house or parts thereof and articles to be cleansed and disinfected; and the city, town or county in which such house is situated shall defray the expenses thereof.

Any local health officer may direct the disinfection or destruction of any bedding, clothing or other articles which have been exposed to infection from any dangerous infectious disease; provided that when any person sustains any damage by reason of the exercise of any of the powers of this section, in relation to any matter as to which he is not himself in default, reasonable compensation shall be made by the municipal or county authorities to such person.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 42 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Health," sub-title "Infectious Diseases," be and the same is hereby repealed, and that a new section, to be known as Section 42, be and the same is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, the same to read as follows:

SECTION 42. Whenever any physician shall know or have cause to believe that any person whom he has attended during the last illness of such person, has died of any infectious disease dangerous to public health, the said physician shall immediately give notice thereof, over his own signature to the **Health Officer** of the place where such death occurred, giving