

Section 8-A of said article, exempting the Superintendents of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium from personal attendance as witnesses in civil cases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and is hereby added to Article 35 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, Title "Evidence" sub-title "Attendance and Pay of Witnesses", to be known as Section 8-A, to follow immediately after Section 8 of said Article, and to read as follows:

8-A: That no subpoena or summons in any civil cases shall be issued by any board, bureau, commission or out of any Court of record in this State, or by any justice of the Peace, requiring the personal attendance as a witness of the Superintendent of the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium or any branch thereof to testify concerning the health, history or any other factor pertaining to any individual who may be, or may have been, a patient in any institution whereof the said Superintendent may have supervision, except in those cases in which his personal testimony is absolutely essential to the issue, provided, however, that in any civil cases any transcript of the official records of any such institution, duly certified by any such said Superintendent, shall be competent evidence of the medical history of any individual who heretofore has been, or hereafter may be, a patient therein; and provided further that nothing contained in this section shall be construed to limit or to abridge the right of any party to take the testimony of any such said Superintendent by deposition as otherwise provided in this Article.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1st, 1927.

Approved April 26, 1927.

CHAPTER 674.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 81 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Revenues and Taxes," sub-title "State Auditor," to follow Section 240 of said Article and to be known as Section 240-A; said new section providing for the appointment of an additional deputy state auditor and prescribing his duties, imposing certain