

CHAPTER 89

(Senate Bill 161)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 51 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Health," sub-title "Miscellaneous Provisions" to Remove the Exemption of Charles County and St. Mary's County from the Application of Said Section.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 51 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Health," sub-title "Miscellaneous Provisions," be and same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

51. The local board of health of each county may, whenever they shall deem it necessary or desirable, require that any qualified physician appointed by such board as county health officer shall be trained in sanitary science, public health and hygiene and shall not, so long as he shall hold that office, engage in any other occupation which would conflict with the performance of his duties as health officer. He shall have all the powers and duties which are now or may hereafter be conferred upon county health officers by law; he shall enforce all the public health statutes and rules and regulations of the State Board of Health or the local board of health, under the direct supervision and control of the local board of health, and shall perform such other duties and exercise such other duties and exercise such other functions as the local board of health shall direct. The local board of health may make and enter into a contract with such county health officer for such period of time as may be mutually agreeable, but not longer than the terms of office of the members of said local Board of Health and may fix the salary of any county officer appointed subject to the provisions of this section, without regard to the provisions of Section 48 of this Article.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1949.

Approved March 31, 1949.