

CHAPTER 83

(Senate Bill 19)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Tuberculosis", said new section to be known as Section 97A, and to follow immediately after Section 97 thereof, providing for the removal from public places by the STATE Department of Health ~~OR HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE CITY~~ of persons having tuberculosis in a communicable stage, and confinement in a State tuberculosis hospital, and providing a penalty for refusal to be so removed or to remain so confined, and preserving the special interests of those persons believing in spiritual means or prayer for healing.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Tuberculosis", said new section to be known as Section 97A, and to follow immediately after Section 97 thereof, and to read as follows:

97A. *Whenever a licensed practitioner of medicine shall report, in writing, to the Deputy State Health Officer ~~OR COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF BALTIMORE CITY~~ that a person having, or suspected of having tuberculosis in a communicable stage is so conducting himself or herself in public places, streets, shops, inns, taverns ~~in that county~~, or public conveyances, that others are exposed to infection, or the Deputy State Health Officer ~~OR COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF BALTIMORE CITY~~ has knowledge that such is the case, he SAID DEPUTY STATE HEALTH OFFICER ~~OR COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF BALTIMORE CITY~~ may make or cause to be made such examination as he deems necessary of the person about which complaint is made, to ascertain if such person actually has tuberculosis in a communicable stage. If such findings are positive, the Deputy State Health Officer ~~OR COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF BALTIMORE CITY~~ may order such person removed to a State tuberculosis hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis and such person shall remain in such institution until declared in such condition that his or her discharge from such hospital will not be dangerous to the community in which he or she may live. If any person ordered removed to any State tuberculosis hospital shall refuse to comply, or having been admitted, shall conduct himself or herself in a disorderly manner, or leave such institution before being properly discharged, he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof before a ~~trial magistrate~~ CIRCUIT COURT, shall be committed to a penal institution having facilities for the treatment of tuberculosis until considered by the State Department of Health ~~OR HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE CITY~~ in such a condition that such person is no longer dangerous to*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.