

the health of the community. Nothing in this Act shall be construed or operate to empower or authorize the Deputy State Health Officer, or any health officer, or their representatives, to restrict in any manner a person's right to select the mode of treatment of his choice nor to require other than x-ray of the chest, any physical examination or medical treatment of a patient who in good faith relies upon spiritual means or prayer for healing, nor shall such reliance or treatment be considered a danger or menace to others under any provision of this section, provided that the sanitary and quarantine laws, rules and regulations relating to infections, contagious and communicable diseases are complied with.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.*

Approved March 24, 1955.

CHAPTER 84

(Senate Bill 20)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 36 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Miscellaneous", extending the power of the State Department of Health to make investigations by giving a right of entry into ~~private~~ CERTAIN premises to carry out the duties imposed on the Department by law and specifying the penalty for interference with or denial of such right.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 36 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Health", sub-title "Miscellaneous", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

36. (a) The State Board of Health shall examine into all public and private systems of water supply and prepare proper maps and drawings of the same for permanent record; it shall examine and control as far as possible the watersheds or catchment basins of all public water systems, and investigate and report upon all sources of pollution of public and private water supplies; it shall investigate and report upon all private and public systems of sewage disposal; it shall inquire into and investigate the water supply, sewage disposal, ventilation, heating and lighting of schools, asylums, jails and other public institutions; it shall inquire into and investigate offensive trades and nuisances, disposal of trade wastes, sewage and other offensive matters, and devise means for their control.

(b) *The State Board of Health, its agents or employees, shall have the right to enter any place or premises at reasonable hours in order*

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.