

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 98 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Health," subtitle "Tuberculosis," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

98.

Whenever a licensed practitioner of medicine shall report, in writing, to the deputy State health officer *or the 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 or public conveyances, that others are exposed to infection, or the deputy State health officer *or the Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City* has knowledge that such is the case, said deputy State health officer *or the 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 the Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City* may order such person removed to a 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 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 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 the Health Department of Baltimore City* in such a condition that such person is no longer dangerous to the health of the community. Nothing in this Section shall be construed or operate to empower or authorize the deputy State health officer, *or the Commissioner of Health of Baltimore City*, 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 infectious, contagious and communicable diseases are complied with.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1964.

Approved April 7, 1964.

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