

CHAPTER 337  
(House Bill 636)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 35 (a) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions"; ~~to grant the public health laboratory discretionary power to refuse to provide services at times when adequate personnel and facilities are not available.~~ , RELATING TO THE POWER OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE TO CONDUCT CERTAIN INQUIRIES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 35 (a) of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions"; be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

35.

(a) The State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene , TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS AND FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE, shall conduct inquiries into the nature, source and vehicles of infectious diseases, and into the nature and character of sewage, trades wastes, and into nuisances. It shall examine and analyze free of cost, public and private water supplies, milk and such other foods, drinks, confectionery, drugs, spices and condiments as the Board shall direct; it shall establish and maintain a properly equipped public health laboratory to perform these and related functions, and the services of said laboratory shall be free to all local boards of health and to all practicing physicians of the State for inquiries concerning infectious and contagious diseases and such other matters as the said Board may from time to time direct.

*The public health laboratory may refuse any request for services as provided in this section in the event the available personnel and facilities, as allocated in the budget, are determined by said laboratory to be inadequate to handle a request.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved April 8, 1965.

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CHAPTER 338  
(House Bill 641)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 20 of Article 36 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Supplement), title "Fees of Officers," subtitle "Justices of the Peace," to subdivide such section and to provide for a flat fee payment in lieu of the payment of certain costs in the filing of civil suits in the magistrates' courts of Washington County, specifying the manner