

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 31, 44, and 44A of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Miscellaneous Provisions," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

31.

It shall be the duty of the [State Board] *Commissioner of Health* [to take such action and] *to recommend to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for adoption* [adopt] and to enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary to prevent the introduction of any infectious or contagious disease into this State, or to prevent the spread of any infectious or contagious disease whether or not such disease shall exist within this State at the time of the passage of this Act, and any person or persons or corporations refusing or neglecting to obey such rules and regulations, *upon promulgation thereof by the Secretary,* [after due notice thereof,] shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars for every such offense. Whenever necessary, the [State Board of Health] *Secretary* may call public conferences of health officers; or may [by vote of a majority of its members,] send a delegate to any conference of local, State or national health officers.

44.

The [State Board] *Department of Health and Mental Hygiene* is hereby designated as the agency of the State to administer a program of noninstitutional services for mentally ill or those who are suffering from conditions which may lead to mental illness and to co-ordinate and supervise the administration of those services included in the program which are not administered directly by it. The purpose of such program shall be to develop, extend and improve services for locating persons who are suffering from some mental illness and to provide facilities for diagnosis and corrective treatment of noninstitutional cases.

[Nothing in this section shall be construed to amend or alter in any way, the rights and powers conferred upon the Department of Mental Hygiene.]

The [said State Board] *Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene* is hereby authorized:

(a) To formulate and administer a detailed plan or plans for the purposes herein specified, and make such rules and regulations as may be necessary or desirable for the administration of such plans.

(b) To receive and expend in accordance with such plans, all funds made available to [such Board] *the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene* by the federal government, the State or its political subdivisions or from any other sources for such purposes.

(c) To co-operate with the federal government, through its appropriate agency or instrumentality, and all other agencies, both public and private, in developing, extending and improving such services and in the administration of such plans.