

Infirmaries," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, all to read as follows: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] HEALTH CENTER 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] HEALTH CENTER will not be dangerous to the community in which he or she may live. If any person ordered removed to any [tuberculosis hospital] HEALTH CENTER FOR THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS 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.

[Chronic Hospitals and Infirmaries]

CHRONIC DISEASE CENTERS

598.

The State Board of Health is authorized to establish three institutions TO BE KNOWN AS CHRONIC DISEASE CENTERS for persons from the various counties and Baltimore City who require constant medical and nursing care [provided by a hospital] by reason of chronic illness or infirmity or who are suffering from a chronic disability amenable to rehabilitation.

One of the [chronic hospitals] CHRONIC DISEASE CENTERS shall be located on the Eastern Shore, one in the central part and one in the western part of the State. The cost of erecting, equipping and operating said [hospitals] CENTERS (including the cost of acquiring appropriate sites) shall be paid out of appropriations in the budget, or in any bond issue bill making appropriations in