

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 23B - Municipal Corporation Charter

22.

(30) To protect and preserve the health of the town and its inhabitants; [to appoint a public health officer, and to define and regulate his powers and duties;] to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases into the town; to establish quarantine regulations, and to authorize the removal and confinement of persons having contagious or infectious diseases; to prevent and remove all nuisances; to inspect, regulate, and abate any buildings, structures, or places which cause or may cause unsanitary conditions or conditions detrimental to health; but nothing herein shall be construed to affect in any manner any of the powers and duties of the [State Board of Health] SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, the county board of health, or any public general or local law relating to the subject of health.

Article 43 - Health

[6.

The Commissioner of Health of Maryland shall divide the State outside of Baltimore City into twenty-three sanitary districts following county lines, and, with the approval of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, he shall appoint a deputy State health officer for each sanitary district.]

[7.

The deputy State health officers shall be experienced physicians having qualifications in the field of public health determined by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. In Prince George's County the deputy State health officer shall be a person whose qualifications in public health shall be determined by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene except that the requirement that this person be a physician need not apply. The deputy State health officers shall hold their office during efficiency and good behavior, but may be removed, in the manner provided in § 33 of Article 64A, title "Merit System." No deputy State health officer shall practice medicine or engage in any occupation which would conflict with the performance of his official duties. Each deputy State health officer shall have an office located at some accessible point designated by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, within his sanitary district. He shall receive a salary as provided in the State budget and whatever expenses he actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of his official duties.]