

**STATE QUARANTINE DISCONTINUED**  
**Act of Jun. 24, 1919, P.L. 640, No. 276**  
AN ACT

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To discontinue the State quarantine; abolishing all offices and places connected therewith, including the State Quarantine Board, the Quarantine Physician, and the Health Officer for the Port of Philadelphia; providing for the possession, control and custody of certain books, records, paraphernalia, and property; authorizing the leasing or sale of the real estate or personal property connected with the Marcus Hook Station to the United States Government; and repealing certain acts.

Whereas, The Government of the United States has established and is maintaining at the Delaware Bay entrance to the port of Philadelphia an affective and sufficient quarantine to secure this Commonwealth against the introduction of pestilential, contagious and infectious diseases; and

Whereas, The operation of the State quarantine is a duplication of the quarantine maintained by the United States Government; therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the State quarantine as provided for by the laws of this Commonwealth is hereby discontinued and determined, and the State Quarantine Board, the office of quarantine physician, the office of health officer for the port of Philadelphia, and all offices, places, and appointments held under the State Quarantine Board are hereby abolished.

Section 2. All books, records, papers, and documents now in possession, custody and control of the State Quarantine Board or any of its employes, or in the possession, custody and control of the quarantine physician or the health officer for the port of Philadelphia, shall be immediately transferred and delivered to the possession, custody, and control of the State Department of Health. Such department shall keep the books, papers, records, and documents so secured in a place suitable for their protection and for reference.

Section 3. The title to all the real and personal property, located at Marcus Hook on the Delaware River, now owned by the Commonwealth in connection with the State quarantine station, is hereby vested in the Department of Property and Supplies. Such department shall have immediate possession of such property, and may, with the approval of the Governor, exercise such control over the same as to it may seem necessary or expedient.

(3 amended Mar. 19, 1925, P.L.54, No.35)

Section 4. The Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, is authorized to lease to the United States Government any and all of the property of the Commonwealth used in connection with said quarantine station. The Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor, is authorized to enter into agreements with the

proper authorities of the United States Government providing for the ascertainment, by appraisement or otherwise, of the value of the property of the Commonwealth now used in connection with the State quarantine station at Marcus Hook, and to provide for the sale of such property to the United States Government. The Department is authorized to execute the necessary deed or deeds providing for the conveyance of such real estate of the Commonwealth to the United States Government upon the payment into the treasury of the Commonwealth of the consideration agreed upon.

No lease or sale of the said real estate shall be executed by the said Department unless there is contained in the contract of lease or sale a stipulation whereby the United States Government agrees to use the Marcus Hook Station as a place of inspection.

(4 amended Mar. 19, 1935, P.L.54, No.35)