

TUBERCULOSIS SANITORIA PROVIDED FOR
Act of May 14, 1907, P.L. 197, No. 157
AN ACT

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To provide for the establishing and maintenance of one or more sanatoria or colonies, in Pennsylvania, for the free care and treatment of persons suffering or suspected of suffering from tuberculosis, and making an appropriation therefor. (Title amended Apr. 6, 1956 (1955), P.L.1435, No.470)

Whereas, Tuberculosis by its widespread distribution throughout this Commonwealth is causing untold suffering and distress, is affecting the health and prosperity of our citizens, is draining the resources of individuals, and causing an appalling waste of human life; and

Whereas, Modern science has demonstrated the possibility of minimizing this disease by measures of education, sanitary supervision, isolation, and early medical treatment; and

Whereas, The Department of Health has one physician in each of sixty-six counties of the State, and is about to authorize a sufficient number of health officers to see that the present health laws, under the rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Health, are carried out, and thereby care for those suffering from communicable diseases which are not now cared for by the hospitals of this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, The Department, with a sufficient appropriation and its present equipment, will establish dispensaries for the free treatment of indigent persons affected with tuberculosis, for the dissemination of knowledge relating to the prevention and cure of tuberculosis, and for the study of social and occupational conditions that predispose to its development; and

Whereas, There are always thousands of indigent people in this Commonwealth who have contracted tuberculosis, whose homes, lodging-places, and means will not permit them to take advantage of the advice and education dispensed by the Department of Health, as outlined above; therefore,--

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That one or more sanatoria or colonies be established in the State, for the reception and treatment of persons affected or suspected of being affected with tuberculosis, and removed from their families and people at large to prevent the spread of contagion.

For these purposes the Department of Health, with the approval of the Governor, shall be authorized to acquire property, erect buildings, equip the same, and do all things necessary to accomplish such work, for the best interests of the people of this Commonwealth, in curing and preventing tuberculosis.

(1 amended Apr. 6, 1956 (1955), P.L.1435, No.470)

Section 2. Be it further enacted, that, should the Department of Health and the Governor select one or two tracts of land, of not over five hundred acres each, within the boundaries of the State forestry reservations, that said land be set aside for such purpose.

For the purposes specified in this act, the sum of six hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated, for the two fiscal years beginning June one, one thousand nine hundred and seven.