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CHAPTER 255

**TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUMS**

Sec.

3001. Establishment and maintenance.

3002. Admission; charges.

**§ 3001. Establishment and maintenance**

The State shall maintain by building, lease or by purchase one or more sanatoriums in such districts of the State as shall seem best to serve the needs of the people for the care and treatment of persons affected with tuberculosis. Where lease or purchase is made, the State shall have the right to enlarge or otherwise adapt the property to meet the needs of the situation. Such additions or improvements shall be considered permanent. At the expiration of the original lease of any property for use as a tuberculosis sanatorium, the State shall have the right of renewal or of purchase.

1955, c. 437, § 1.

**§ 3002. Admission; charges**

Patients may be admitted to these sanatoriums upon application to the Department of Health and Welfare, if found to be suffering from tuberculosis or if suspected of having tuberculosis. All patients in said sanatoriums, the parents of minor children or the spouse, shall pay to the State for treatment, including board, supplies and incidentals necessary to the prescribed medical and surgical treatment both for in-patient and out-patient services, the amount determined by the department. The department may, if it finds that such patient or relatives liable by law are unable to pay the amount determined, in whole or in part, waive payment or so much thereof as the circumstances appear to warrant.

All funds collected from this source shall be credited to the General Fund. No pauper disabilities shall be created by reason of any aid or assistance given under this section.

This section shall not apply to persons who may be committed under Title 22, section 1042.

1955, c. 437, § 1; 1957, c. 346.