

(3) DOES NOT HAVE TIME OR OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A WARRANT AND AN EXCEPTIONAL OR EMERGENCY SITUATION EXISTS.

(B) PLACES OF BUSINESS.

IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES, A HEALTH OFFICER MAY ENTER ANY PLACE OF BUSINESS OR EMPLOYMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language patterned after Article 43, § 51E(j) and (k).

In the introductory clause of subsection (a) of this section, the words "and inspect" are added to state expressly the power to inspect a private house after entry into it. This addition is based on the reference to consent to enter "and inspect" in Article 43, § 51E(j)(1); see subsection (a)(1) of this section.

As to the duty of a health officer to inspect the sanitary conditions of certain areas, see Title 9, Subtitle 2 of the Health - Environmental Article.

For a discussion of constitutional issues related to warrantless searches of private houses and business premises and to the issuance of administrative search warrants, see the General Revisor's Note to this article.

Defined term: "Health officer" § 3-101

3-308. TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT.

IF A HEALTH EMERGENCY EXISTS, THE SECRETARY MAY ASSIGN TEMPORARILY A HEALTH OFFICER TO ANOTHER COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language patterned after Article 43, § 51E(e).

The revision keeps the reference to Baltimore City, since the term "county", as used in this title, does not include Baltimore City.

Defined terms: "County" § 3-101  
"Health officer" § 3-101 "Secretary" § 1-101

3-309. CONFERENCES.

WHENEVER NECESSARY, THE SECRETARY MAY:

(1) CALL A PUBLIC CONFERENCE OF HEALTH OFFICERS;  
OR