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**CHAP. 12.** court, requiring them, as soon as may be, to locate such reserved portion according to the terms of the grant, and if the use or purpose of the reservation is prescribed in the grant, they shall set off and locate the lots accordingly, designating the use or purpose for which each lot is so reserved and located.

Committee,  
to be sworn.  
1872, c. 65, § 2.

**SEC. 52.** Said committee before acting under such warrant, shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duty assigned them, and a certificate thereof shall be indorsed on the warrant.

Notice of  
appointment  
and meeting.  
1872, c. 65, § 3.

**SEC. 53.** They shall also give notice of their appointment, and of the time and place of their meeting to execute the same, by publishing the same in some newspaper in the state to be designated by the court, and by posting written notifications in two or more public places in the same town, at least thirty days before making such location.

Return of the  
doings of the  
committee.  
1872, c. 65, § 4.

**SEC. 54.** They shall make return of said warrant and their doings thereon, to the next supreme judicial court in the county, after having completed the service; which, being accepted by the court and recorded in the registry of deeds of the same county, within six months, shall be a legal assignment and location of such reserved proportions, for the uses designated; and thereafter the lands so set off and located, shall be under the care and oversight of the trustees of the ministerial and school funds of the town, with all the powers and subject to the duties prescribed in this chapter, including the power to sell and convey the same.

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## CHAPTER 13.

### PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

- SEC. 1.** When a dead body may be delivered to a physician or surgeon.
- 2.** When the body of a deceased convict is so delivered for advancement of anatomical science, bond is required. Penalty.
- 3.** Unclaimed bodies are subject to the use of the Medical School of Maine for anatomical purposes.
- 4.** Municipal officers to notify officers of school, and to deliver subjects on request.
- 5.** Secretary of school to preserve such subjects without dissection for thirty days, and to identify them by public record.
- 6.** Any subject may be claimed within said time.
- 7.** Penalty for violations of the two preceding sections.
- 8.** Penalty for unlawful possession of a subject.
- 9.** Irregular practitioners cannot collect bills without certificate of character.

A body may  
be delivered  
to physician,  
if person has  
consented.  
1881, c. 93, § 2.  
R.S., c. 13, § 1.

**SEC. 1.** If any resident of the state, requests or consents that after his death, his body may be delivered to a regular physician or surgeon, for the advancement of anatomical science, it may be used for that purpose, unless some kindred or family connection makes objection.

When a con-  
vict's body  
may be used  
for anatomi-  
cal purposes.

**SEC. 2.** When any person convicted of crime dies, or is executed, in the state prison or any jail, the warden or keepers shall, on request, deliver his body to instructors in medical schools established by law, if

requested by them, otherwise to any regular physician or surgeon for anatomical purposes in the state, unless at any time the deceased requested to be buried, or within three days after his death any kindred or friend requests to have such body buried. Before receiving it, the physician or surgeon shall give bond to the treasurer of the town where the body is, in not less than one hundred dollars, with sufficient sureties approved by a majority of the municipal officers, that such body shall only be used for anatomical purposes in the state, and after such use, shall be decently buried; and if the conditions of such bond are broken, such treasurer shall enforce its payment; and the proceeds thereof shall be applied to the support of the poor in his town.

SEC. 3. The body of any person dying in the state, which shall not be claimed, reasonable notice being given for burial by the family or next of kin of such person, shall be subject to the use of the Medical School of Maine, for anatomical purposes, as hereinafter provided, and if, at any time said school receives a greater number of bodies than it needs for the instruction of its students, it may deliver the excess to any regular physician or surgeon in the state for the same purpose.

SEC. 4. Persons having the care of such bodies shall forthwith notify the municipal officers of the town in which such bodies are, who shall in turn immediately notify the officers of said school, stating the age and sex of the deceased, and the cause of death, if known, and on request of the officers of said school, made within two days after receiving such notice, said municipal officers shall deliver such body to the officers of such school, or to any regular physician or surgeon by them designated to receive the same; but before receiving any such body, said medical school, physician or surgeon, shall give bond to the treasurer of such town, as provided in section two. Whoever knowingly violates this section forfeits thirty dollars, to be recovered by an action of debt, one half to the prosecutor, and one half to said school.

SEC. 5. Whenever the body of any person dying in the state, comes into the possession of the officers of said school, under this chapter, the secretary of the faculty thereof shall cause such body to be embalmed without delay, and preserved for thirty days without dissection. If the subject's name is unknown, the body shall be identified by a sufficient description, to be recorded by the secretary in a suitable book open to public inspection.

SEC. 6. Any of the family or next of kin of such subject, may claim the body for burial within said thirty days, and it shall be delivered to them for said purpose on demand.

SEC. 7. Any violation of the two preceding sections shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

SEC. 8. Whoever wilfully and knowingly has in his possession, for anatomical purposes, the body of any person who died within the state, or any part thereof, unless the same was obtained in the manner provided by sections one to four, inclusive, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than five years, or by fine not exceeding three thousand dollars.

SEC. 9. No person who has not received a medical degree at a public

CHAP. 13.  
R.S., c. 13, § 2.

—persons entitled to receive such bodies.  
—condition.  
—bond to be given.  
—sum collected on such bonds to be used for support of poor.

Unclaimed bodies subject to use of Medical School of Maine.  
1881, c. 93, § 3.

Municipal officers to notify officers of school, and to deliver bodies.  
1881, c. 93, § 4.

—bond to be given.

—penalty for violation.

Secretary of school to preserve such subjects for 30 days.  
1881, c. 94, § 1.

—identification to be recorded.

May be claimed for burial within time.  
1881, c. 94, § 2.

Penalty for violation.  
1881, c. 94, § 3.

Penalty for having illegal possession of a body for anatomical purposes.  
1881, c. 93, § 1.

Irregular practitioners

CHAP. 13. medical institution in the United States, or a license from the Maine Medical Association, shall recover compensation for medical or surgical services, unless previous to such service, he had obtained a certificate of good moral character from the municipal officers of the town where he then resided.

cannot collect bills without certificate of character.  
R.S., c. 13, § 3.  
3 Me., 23.  
18 Me., 271.  
25 Me., 107.  
28 Me., 100.  
45 Me., 409.  
51 Me., 598.  
59 Me., 182.  
74 Me., 38.

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## CHAPTER 14.

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#### REMOVAL OF INFECTED PRISONERS.

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