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## CHAPTER 261

## PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

Sec.

1521. Care of infants after birth.

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If one or both eyes of an infant become reddened or inflamed at any time within 4 weeks after birth, the midwife, nurse or person having charge of said infant shall report the condition of the eyes at once to some legally qualified practitioner of medicine of the town in which the parents of the infant reside. Every physician, midwife or nurse in charge shall instill or cause to be instilled into the eyes of the infant immediately upon its birth one or 2 drops of a prophylactic solution prescribed by the department, and provided without cost by the department. Any failure to comply with this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months.

R.S.1954, c. 25, § 140.