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## CHAPTER 403

## TOWN HOSPITALS

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**§ 1761. Establishment**

A town may establish therein one or more hospitals for the reception of persons having smallpox or other disease dangerous to the public health or its local health officer may license any building therein as a hospital, which shall be under the control of said local health officer.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 1.

**§ 1762. Physicians and others subject to regulations**

When a hospital is so established or licensed, the physicians, the persons who are infected, infectious or sick therein, the nurses, attendants and all who come within its limits, and all furniture or other articles used or brought there shall be subject to the regulations made by the local health officer.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 2.

**§ 1763. Infectious diseases; regulations**

When smallpox or other disease dangerous to the public health breaks out in a town, the local health officer shall immediately provide such hospital or place of reception for the sick and infected as he judges best for the accommodation and safety of the inhabitants. Such hospitals and places are subject to his regulations the same as established hospitals. He shall cause such sick and infected to be removed thereto, unless their condition will not permit it without imminent danger, in which case, the house or place where the sick are shall be deemed a hospital for

every purpose aforesaid. All persons residing in or in any way concerned with it are subject to hospital regulations.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 3.

**§ 1764. Precautions to prevent spread of disease**

When any disease dangerous to the public health exists in a town, the municipal officers shall use all possible care to prevent its spread and shall give public notice of infected places to travelers by displaying red flags at proper distances and by all other means most effectual, in their judgment, for the common safety.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 4.

**§ 1765. Violations**

If any physician or other person in such hospitals or places of reception, attending, approaching or concerned therewith violates any lawful regulation in relation thereto, with respect to himself or his or another's property, he forfeits not less than \$10 nor more than \$100 for each offense.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 5.

**§ 1766. Forfeitures**

All forfeitures mentioned in this chapter, and sections 958, 959, 1005 to 1009, 1041 to 1051, 1055, 1271 to 1277, 1561 and 1562, except as otherwise provided, inure to the town where the offense is committed.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 6.

**§ 1767. Sanatorium or hospital for infectious diseases; approval required**

No person, firm or corporation shall establish or maintain within the populous districts of any city or town in this State any sanatorium or hospital designed for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis or other infectious or contagious disease, unless approval has been obtained from the municipal officers of the city or town in question and from the Department of Health and Welfare. Any person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months. Jurisdiction to enjoin threatened violations of this section is conferred upon the Superior Court.

R.S.1954, c. 100, § 7; 1961, c. 317, § 301.