

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 54.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX.

AN ACT additional to provide for vaccination.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. Every city, town and plantation in this
2 state, shall provide for the inoculation of its inhabi-
3 tants with cow-pox, and raise all necessary sums of
4 money to defray the expense thereof ; and it shall be
5 the duty of their municipal officers to employ some
6 competent physician in the county, who shall keep on
7 hand, good vaccine matter, and who shall vaccinate at
8 public charge all children or scholars who shall require
9 the same to be done ; and he shall, before the thirty-
10 first of December of each year, return to the clerk's
11 office a true and proper list of persons vaccinated by

12 him during the year, and shall append thereto his cer-
13 tificate that he has ascertained by personal inspection
14 that the vaccination was successful.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of superintending
2 school committees to exclude from schools under their
3 supervision, all scholars who have not been vaccinated.

SECT. 3. If the municipal officers of any city, town
2 or plantation shall neglect or refuse to comply with the
3 provisions of this act, they shall forfeit and pay not
4 less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dol-
5 lars for such offence, to be recovered by indictment on
6 complaint to the supreme judicial court, one half to
7 the use of the complainant and the remainder thereof
8 to the use of the county in which the offence was
9 committed.

SECT. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with
2 the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after
2 its approval by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 14, 1866. }

Reported by Mr. COLBY, from the Committee on Sanitary
Necessities.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*