

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 26.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the promotion of medical science.

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

SECTION 1. The overseers of the poor of any city or
2 town containing not less than five thousand inhabi-
3 tants, by the census of the United States then next
4 preceding ; the warden of the state prison, and the
5 keepers of the several jails in this state, may give
6 permission to any physician or surgeon, (preference
7 being given to instructors and medical schools estab-
8 lished by law,) upon his request, to take the bodies of
9 such persons dying in their city or town, or in the
10 state prison, or in a jail, as are required to be buried
11 at the public expense, to be by him used within the
12 state for the advancement of anatomical science.

SECT. 2. Every person before receiving any such
2 body, shall give bonds to the officer surrendering it,
3 with sufficient sureties, that such body shall be used
4 only in this state, and for the promotion of anatomical
5 science, and in such a manner as in no event to out-
6 rage the public; and that after the use allowed by
7 law, the remains thereof shall be decently buried.

SECT. 3. No such body shall be surrendered, if the
2 deceased, during his last sickness, of his own accord,
3 requested to be buried; or if within twenty-four hours
4 after his death, any person claiming to be, and satis-
5 fying the officer or officers aforesaid, that he is a friend
6 or kindred to the deceased, asks to have the body
7 buried; or if the deceased was a traveller or stranger
8 who suddenly died. In other cases described in sec-
9 tion one, it shall be the duty of the officer or officers
10 aforesaid, to surrender such body on request, as in
11 that section provided, upon receipt of the bond pro-
12 vided for in section two.

SECT. 4. Any person knowingly surrendering, or
2 knowingly receiving any such body for anatomical
3 purposes, contrary to the provisions of this act, shall
4 be punished as provided in section twenty-six of
5 chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the revised
6 statutes.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 17, 1869.

Reported by Mr. LUDDEN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, and printed under the Joint Rule.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*