

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 47.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the promotion of medical science.

[As amended by the House.]

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 inhabit-
3 ants, 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 per-
6 mission to any physician or surgeon, (preference being
7 given to instructors and medical schools established by
8 law,) upon his request, to take the bodies of such per-
9 sons dying in their city or town, or in the state prison,
10 or in a jail, as are required to be buried at the public

11 expense, to be by him used within the state for the
12 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, at any time while in the care of the person
3 or institution, in whose custody he died, requested to
4 be buried; or if within three days after his death, any
5 friend or kindred to the deceased, asks to have the
6 body buried; or if the deceased was a traveller or
7 stranger who suddenly died. In other cases described
8 in section one, it shall be the duty of the officer or
9 officers aforesaid, to surrender such body on request,
10 as in that section provided, upon receipt of the bond
11 provided 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. The provisions of this bill shall not apply to

7 any person dying in the poor-houses of any city or
8 town containing five thousand inhabitants who are
9 chargeable to any town containing less than five thou-
10 sand inhabitants.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 27, 1869.

Pending the question of receding and concurring with the House, on motion of Mr. MURRAY, laid on the table, and ordered to be printed as amended by the House.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*