

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 58.

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 body of any person of this state,
2 who requested during his lifetime that his body might
3 be delivered to any regular physician or surgeon to be
4 used within this state for the advancement of anatomical
5 science, may be so taken and used, unless within three
6 days after his death any kindred or friend of the de-
7 ceased asks to have the body buried.

SECT. 2. The warden of the state prison and the
2 keepers of the several jails in the state, may give
3 permission to any regular physician or surgeon, (pref-
4 erence being given to instructors and medical schools
5 established by law,) upon request, to take the bodies
6 of such persons dying in state prison or in jail on con-

7 viction for crime, to be by him used within the state
8 for the advancement of anatomical science ; *provided,*
9 that no such body shall be surrendered if the deceased
10 at any time requested to be buried if within three days
11 after his death any kindred or friend of the deceased
12 asks to have the body buried. The surgeon or phy-
13 sician before receiving any such body, shall give a
14 good and sufficient bond with sureties, in a sum of not
15 less than one hundred dollars, payable to the treasurer
16 of the city or town where such body may be, said bond
17 to be approved by a majority of the selectmen or over-
18 seers of the poor of the city or town, that such body
19 shall only be used for the purpose named in this act,
20 and shall not be transported out of the state ; and that
21 after such use, the remains shall be decently interred ;
22 and if the condition of said bond shall be broken, it
23 shall be the duty of the treasurer of such city or town
24 to enforce the payment of the said bond for the use of
25 the city or town, the money so obtained to be applied
26 to the support of the poor of said city or town.

SECT. 3. 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, March 9, 1869.

Reported by Mr. MURRAY, from a Committee of Conference,
read once, and on motion of Mr. STEVENS, laid on the table and
ordered to be printed.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*