

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 96.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-THREE.

AN ACT to provide for the prevention of the introduction
and spread of Asiatic Cholera, and for the more effectual
protection of the public health.

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

SECTION 1. The more effectually to protect the public
2 health the State Board of Health shall have power to
3 establish such systems of inspection as in its judgment
4 may be necessary to ascertain the actual or threatened
5 presence of the infection of Asiatic cholera; and any
6 duly authorized agent or inspector of said board shall
7 have power to enter any building, vessel, railway car or
8 other public vehicle, to inspect the same and to remove

9 therefrom any person affected by Asiatic cholera; and
10 for this purpose he may require the person in charge of
11 any vessel or public vehicle other than a railway car to
12 stop such vessel or vehicle at any place, and he may
13 require the conductor of any railway train to stop his
14 train at any station or upon any sidetrack and there
15 detain it for a reasonable time; provided that no con-
16 ductor shall be required to stop his train when telegraphic
17 communication with the despatcher's office cannot be
18 obtained or at such times or under such circumstances as
19 may endanger the safety of the train and passengers; and
20 provided further that any such agent or inspector may
21 cause any car which he may think may be infected with
22 Asiatic cholera to be sidetracked at any suitable place
23 and there be cleansed, fumigated and disinfected. And
24 the said Board of Health may from time to time make,
25 alter, modify or revoke rules and regulations for guarding
26 against the introduction of Asiatic cholera into the State;
27 for the control and suppression thereof if within the State;
28 for the quarantine and disinfection of persons, localities,
29 and things infected or suspected of being infected by
30 such disease; for the transportation of dead bodies when
31 death resulted from Asiatic cholera; for the speedy and
32 private interment of the bodies of persons who have died
33 from said disease; and in emergency, for providing those
34 sick with said disease with necessary medical aid and with
35 temporary hospitals for their accommodation and for the
36 accommodation of their nurses and attendants. And the

37 said board may declare any and all of its rules and regu-
38 lations made in accordance with the provisions of this act
39 to be in force within the whole State, or within any speci-
40 fied part thereof, and to apply to any vessel, railway car,
41 or public vehicle of any kind. The rules and regulations
42 of the State Board of Health, if of general application,
43 shall be published in the official paper of the State ; but
44 whenever in the judgment of the board it shall be neces-
45 sary to do so, special rules, regulations, or orders relating
46 to Asiatic cholera may be made for any town, village or
47 city without such publication and the service of copies of
48 such rules, regulations, or orders upon such town, village
49 or city through the officers thereof, shall be a sufficient
50 notice thereto ; and the rules, regulations or orders of the
51 State Board of Health made in accordance with the pro-
52 visions of this act shall, from the time being and until the
53 same are revoked, supercede all local rules, regulations,
54 by-laws, or ordinances that may be inconsistent or in
55 conflict therewith.

SECT. 2. All health officers, local boards of health,
2 municipal officers, sheriffs, constables, policemen, and
3 marshals shall enforce the rules and regulations of
4 the State Board of Health made as provided in this act in
5 every particular affecting their respective localities and
6 duties ; and any person who shall neglect or refuse to
7 obey the said rules and regulations, or who shall wilfully
8 obstruct or hinder the execution thereof shall be punished

9 by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment in
10 the county jail for a period of not more than six months,
11 or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the
12 court. And it shall be the duty of all authorities of
13 every county, city, town, and village corporation, and of
14 all local boards of health, and of all officers and persons
15 in charge of the institutions, buildings, and vehicles men-
16 tioned in this act to co-operate with the State Board of
17 Health in carrying out the provisions of this act; and in
18 case such co-operation be refused, withheld, or neglected,
19 the said board shall have power to execute its orders and
20 directions by agents of its appointment; and all expenses
21 incurred under the provisions of this section shall be paid
22 by the state, the bills first being approved by the
23 Governor and Council.

SECT. 3. Any rules and regulations adopted by the
2 State Board of Health in the premises shall be imme-
3 diately submitted by it to the Governor and Council and
4 unless approved in writing by the Governor and Council
5 within thirty days after such submission, such rules and
6 regulations shall thereafter become ineffective. Should
7 the Governor and Council disapprove any rules and
8 regulations so submitted to them within the thirty days
9 and so notify the secretary of the State Board of Health
10 in writing, the rules and regulations so disapproved shall
11 upon such notification immediately become ineffective and
12 void.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect the first day of
2 April, A. D. 1893.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
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Reported by Mr. HAMLIN of Ellsworth, from Committee on Judiciary,
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W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*