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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 187.

STATE OF MAINE.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" TO HOUSE DOCUMENT No. 96.

Amend the title by adding the words 'and other infectious diseases' after the word "Cholera;" so that the title as amended shall read as follows :

'An Act to provide for the prevention of the introduction and spread of Asiatic Cholera and other Infectious Diseases, and for the more effective protection of the public health.'

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" TO HOUSE DOCUMENT No. 96.

Amend section one as follows : In the fifth line after the words "Asiatic cholera" insert the words 'small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or typhus fever.'

In the ninth, twenty-second, twenty sixth, thirty-first, and forty-sixth lines strike out the words "Asiatic cholera" and in place thereof insert the words 'said diseases.'

In the thirtieth, thirty-third, and thirty-fourth lines strike out the word "disease" and insert in the place thereof the plural of this word, 'diseases;' so that this section as amended shall read 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, small-pox,
6 diphtheria, scarlet fever, or typhus fever; and any duly
7 authorized agent or inspector of said board shall have
8 power to enter any building, vessel, railway car, or other
9 public vehicle, to inspect the same and to remove there-
10 from any person affected by said diseases; and for this
11 purpose he may require the person in charge of any
12 vessel or public vehicle other than a railway car to
13 stop such vessel or vehicle at any place, and he may
14 require the conductor of any railway train to stop his train
15 at any station or upon any sidetrack and there detain it
16 for a reasonable time; provided that no conductor shall
17 be required to stop his train when telegraphic communi-
18 cation with the despatcher's office cannot be obtained or
19 at such times or under such circumstances as may endan-
20 ger the safety of the train and passengers; and provided
21 further that any such agent or inspector may cause any
22 car which he may think may be infected with said diseases
23 to be sidetracked at any suitable place and there be
24 cleansed, fumigated and disinfected. And the said board
25 of health may from time to time make, alter, modify or
26 revoke rules and regulations for guarding against the
27 introduction of said diseases into the State; for the con-

28 trol and suppression thereof if within the State ; for the
29 quarantine and disinfection of persons, localities, and
30 things infected or suspected of being infected by such dis-
31 eases ; for the transportation of dead bodies when death
32 resulted from said diseases ; for the speedy and private
33 interment of the bodies of persons who have died from
34 said diseases ; and, in emergency, for providing those
35 sick with said diseases with necessary medical aid
36 and with temporary hospitals for their accommo-
37 dation and for the accommodation of their nurses and
38 attendants. And the said board may declare any and all
39 of its rules and regulations made in accordance
40 with the provisions of this act to be in force within the
41 whole State, or within any specified part thereof, and to
42 apply to any vessel, railway car, or public vehicle of any
43 kind. The rules and regulations of the State board of
44 health, if of general application, shall be published in the
45 official paper of the State ; but whenever in the judgment
46 of the board it shall be necessary to do so, special rules
47 and regulations, or orders relating to said diseases may
48 be made for any town, village or city without such publi-
49 cation and the service of copies of such rules, regulations,
50 or orders upon such town, village or city through the
51 officers thereof shall be a sufficient notice thereto ; and
52 the rules, regulations or orders of the State board of
53 health made in accordance with the provisions of this act
54 shall, from the time being and until the same are revoked,
55 supersede all local rules, regulations, by-laws, or ordi-
56 nances that may be inconsistent or in conflict therewith.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 21, 1893.

Offered by Mr. GRINDLE of Hancock, and pending adoption, laid on table to be printed on motion by Mr. MAYO of Penobscot.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*