

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 232

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to amend section four, section eleven, section nineteen of chapter eighteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-one as amended by chapter one hundred fifty-four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-five, relating to returns of vital statistics.

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

Section 1. Section four of chapter one hundred eighteen
2 of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-one as
3 amended by chapter one hundred fifty-four of the Public
4 Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-five is hereby amended so
5 as to read as follows:

'Sect. 4. Whenever any person shall die, or any still-born
7 child be brought forth in this State, the undertaker, town

8 clerk, or other person superintending the burial of said
9 deceased person, shall obtain from the physician attending
10 such bringing forth or last sickness, a certificate, duly signed,
11 setting forth as far as may be, the facts required by section
12 nineteen of chapter one hundred eighteen of the Public Laws
13 of eighteen hundred ninety-one as amended by section seven
14 of chapter one hundred fifty-four of the Public Laws of
15 eighteen hundred ninety-five and as further amended hereby ;
16 and it shall be the duty of the undertaker, or other person
17 having charge of the burial of said deceased person, to add
18 to said certificate the other facts required by section one of
19 chapter one hundred eighteen of the Public Laws of eighteen
20 hundred ninety-one ; and having duly signed the same, to
21 forward it to the clerk of the town or city where said person
22 died and obtain a permit for burial ; and in case of any con-
23 tagious or infectious disease, said certificate shall be made
24 and forwarded immediately.'

Sect. 2. Section eleven of chapter one hundred eighteen of
2 the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-one is hereby
3 amended so as to read as follows :

'Sect. 11. The clerk of every town shall keep a chronologi-
5 cal record of all births, marriages, and deaths reported to him
6 and shall in the month of June, 1903, transmit a copy of the
7 record of all births, marriages, and deaths occurring during
8 the year of 1902 to the State registrar, and shall thereafter
9 annually between the fifteenth and the twentieth of January
10 send a copy of the record of all births, marriages, and deaths
11 occurring during the year ending December thirty-one next
12 preceding such said report, to the State registrar, together
13 with the names, residences, and official stations, of all persons
14 who have neglected to make returns to him in relation to the
15 subject matters of such records, which the law required them
16 to make, all to be made upon blanks to be prepared and fur-
17 nished by the State registrar, and if no births, marriages, or

18 deaths have occurred in the calendar year preceding the afore-
19 mentioned time for making his annual returns, the town clerk
20 shall send to the State registrar a statement to that effect.
21 Whenever a birth, marriage or death, required by law to be
22 returned to or by such clerk is reported to, or made by him
23 in any year after its occurrence, and subsequent to his return
24 made hereunder, he shall make due return thereof to the State
25 registrar forthwith.'

Sect. 3. Section nineteen, additional, to chapter one hun-
2 dred eighteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-
3 one, which was added thereto by section seven of chapter
4 one hundred fifty-four of the Public Laws of eighteen hun-
5 dred ninety-five, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

'Sect. 19. A physician who has attended a person during
7 his last illness shall within twenty-four hours after the death
8 of said person make a certificate stating, to the best of his
9 knowledge and belief, the name of the deceased, his age, the
10 disease of which he died, and the date of his death, and shall
11 either deliver it to the person superintending the burial or
12 leave it with the family of the deceased or at the said physi-
13 cian's office where it may be obtained when called for; and
14 a physician or midwife who has attended at the birth of a
15 child dying immediately thereafter, or at the birth of a still-
16 born child, shall, when requested, forthwith furnish for regis-
17 tration a certificate, stating to the best of his knowledge and
18 belief the fact that such child died after birth or was born
19 dead. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to make a
20 false return in regard to any birth or death.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 18, 1903.

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and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*