

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 592

House of Representatives, March 21, 1913.

*Reported by Mr. Maxwell from Committee on Public Health,
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section eight of Chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter forty-eight of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine relating to the State Board of Health.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Section eight of chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes, as amended in section two of chapter forty-eight of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "diseases" in the twenty-ninth line the following: "for guarding against the transmission of infectious and contagious

7 diseases through the medium of common towels, common
8 drinking cups and other articles which may carry infection
9 from person to person; for the sanitation of railway ser-
10 vice and that of other common carriers,' so that said sec-
11 tion, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 8. The more effectually to protect the public health
13 the state board of health may establish such systems of
14 inspection as in its judgment may be necessary to ascer-
15 tain the actual or threatened presence of the infection of
16 Asiatic cholera, smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, plague
17 or typhus fever; and any duly authorized agent or in-
18 spector of said board may enter any building, vessel, rail-
19 way car or other public vehicle, to inspect the same and to
20 remove therefrom any person affected by said diseases;
21 and for this purpose he may require the person in charge
22 of any vessel or public vehicle other than a railway car to
23 stop such vessel or vehicle at any place, and he may require
24 the conductor of any railway train to stop his train at any
25 station or upon any side track and there detain it for a
26 reasonable time; provided, that no conductor shall be re-
27 quired to stop his train when telegraphic communication with
28 the dispatcher's office cannot be obtained or at such times
29 or under such circumstances as may endanger the safety of
30 the train and passengers; and provided further, that any
31 such agent or inspector may cause any car which he may
32 think may be infected with any of said diseases to be side-
33 tracked at any suitable place and there be cleansed, fumi-

34 gated and disinfected. And the said board of health may
35 from time to time, make, alter, modify or revoke rules and
36 regulations for guarding against the introduction of any
37 infectious or contagious diseases into the state, including
38 rabies, or hydrophobia of animals and men; for the control
39 and suppression thereof if within the state; for the quar-
40 antine and disinfection of persons, localities and things in-
41 fected or suspected of being infected by such diseases; for
42 guarding against the transmission of infectious and conta-
43 gious diseases through the medium of common towels, com-
44 mon drinking cups and other articles which may carry in-
45 fection from person to person; for the sanitation of rail-
46 way service and that of other common carriers, for the
47 transportation of dead bodies when death results from any
48 infectious or contagious disease; for the speedy and private
49 interment of the bodies of persons who have died from said
50 diseases; and, in emergency, for providing those sick with
51 said diseases with necessary medical aid and with tempo-
52 rary hospitals for their accommodation and for the accom-
53 modation of their nurses and attendants. And the said
54 board may declare any and all of its rules and regulations
55 made in accordance with the provisions of this section to
56 be in force within the whole state, or within any specified
57 part thereof, and to apply to any person or persons, family,
58 camp, building, vessel, railway car or public vehicle of any
59 kind.'