

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 312

In Senate, Feb. 14, 1913.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Public Health, and on motion by Senator Cole of York laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT requiring the report to the State Board of Health
of certain occupational diseases due to poisoning or other
causes.

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

Section 1. Every physician attending upon or called in
2 to visit a person whom he believes to be suffering from
3 poisoning from lead, phosphorus, arsenic or mercury, or
4 their compounds, or from anthrax, or from compressed air
5 illness or any other ailment or disease contracted as a result
6 of such person's occupation or employment, shall, within
7 ten days after his first attendance upon such person, send

8 to the state board of health a written notice stating the
9 name and full post office address and place of employment
10 of such person, and the nature of the occupation and the
11 disease or ailment from which, in the opinion of the physi-
12 cian, the person is suffering, with such other specific infor-
13 mation as may be required by the state board of health.

Sect. 2. In like manner, as is provided in section one,
2 shall every case of lead poisoning and of suspected lead
3 poisoning which has resulted from the use of water which
4 contains lead or suspected of containing lead be reported
5 to the state board of health, and when such reports are re-
6 ceived the said board shall do what it can by laboratory
7 work and otherwise to enable the attending physician to
8 determine whether the case is one of lead poisoning, and
9 if so, the source of the poison.

Sect. 3. Any physician who shall fail to perform the duty
2 imposed by section one of this act within the time therein
3 limited shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on
4 conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less
5 than five nor more than ten dollars.

Sect. 4. It shall be the duty of the state board of health
2 and of the county attorney of the county wherein any per-
3 son violating the provisions of this act may reside to prose-
4 cute all violations of the provisions of this act which shall
5 come to the knowledge of them or either of them.