

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 93

House of Representatives, Feb. 4, 1919.

Introduced by Mr. Sawyer of Fort Fairfield. By Mr. Sawyer tabled for printing pending reference to a committee and 500 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sawyer of Fort Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT amending section nine of chapter nineteen of the
Revised Statutes, relating to Public Health.

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

Section nine of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby
2 amended by striking out in the third and fourth lines thereof
3 the words "Secretary of the State Board of Health" and
4 inserting therefor the words 'local board of health,' so that
5 the said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 9. Tuberculosis is hereby declared to be an in-
2 fectious and communicable disease, dangerous to the public
3 health. Every physician in the state shall report in writing,

4 to the local board of health within forty-eight hours after the
5 fact comes to the knowledge of said physician, the name,
6 age, sex, color, occupation, place where last employed, if
7 known, and address, of every person known by said physi-
8 cian to have tuberculosis. Such report shall be made on
9 forms furnished by the state board of health. The name
10 of the householder where the tuberculosis person lives or
11 boards, and such other facts as may be called for on the
12 blank reports so furnished shall also be included in the re-
13 port. The chief officer having charge for the time being
14 of any hospital, dispensary, asylum, sanatorium or other
15 similar private or public institution in the state shall report
16 to the state board of health in like manner the name, age,
17 sex, color, occupation, place where last employed, if known,
18 and previous address of every patient having tuberculosis
19 who comes into his care or under his observation, within
20 forty-eight hours thereafter. Such physician or chief officer
21 shall also give notice to the secretary of the state board of
22 health of the change of address of any tuberculous patient
23 who is, or has lately been under his care if he is able to
24 give such information.'