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Reported by Mr. Gordon from Committee on Public Health and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relative to Diseases, Infectious, Contagious or Dangerous to Public Health.

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

Section I. That the State Department of Health may, 2 as a rule and regulation of its council, declare diseases 3 infectious, contagious or dangerous to the public health; 4 and any physician who makes a diagnosis of or treats, 5 or any other person who has specific knowledge of, any 6 disease so declared by the State Department of Health in-7 fectious, contagious, or dangerous to public health, or any 8 superintendent or manager of a hospital, dispensary or 9 charitable or penal institution, in which there is any such

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10 disease, shall make a report of each case of such disease, 11 infectious, contagious or dangerous to the public health, 12 to the health authorities according to such form and in 13 such manner as the State Department of Health shall di-14 rect.

Sect. 2. That the State Department of Health is hereby 2 directed and empowered to make rules and regulations; 3 for the examination of persons reasonably suspected of 4 having, or of having been exposed to, any disease declared 5 by the State Department of Health, infectious, contagious, 6 or dangerous to public health; for detaining such persons 7 until the results of such examination are known; for re-8 quiring persons found infected with any such disease, in-9 fectious, contagious, or dangerous to public health, to sub-10 mit to treatment therefor; and for the isolation or quaran-11 tine of persons so infected until non-infectious.

Sect. 3. That any person who shall violate any provi-2 sion of this act or any rule or regulation made by the 3 State Department of Health pursuant to the authority in 4 this act granted or any lawful order issued in accordance 5 with any such rule or regulation shall be deemed guilty 6 of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not more 7 than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment of not more 8 than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.