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CHAP. 93. cask inspected and branded, and each inspector shall receive from his deputy the one-eighth of one mill for each cask inspected and branded by the deputy.'

Approved March 17, 1881.

## Chapter 93.

An act for the promotion of Medical Science.

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

Penalty for having illegal possession of a body for anatomical purposes.

SECT. 1. Whoever willfully and knowingly shall have in his possession, for anatomical purposes, the body or any part thereof, of any person dying within this state, unless the same shall be obtained in the manner provided by section two of chapter thirteen of the revised statutes, or in the manner provided by this act, shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than five years, or by fine not exceeding three thousand dollars.

Body may be delivered to physician, after death, if person consents during life.

SECT. 2. If any person, a resident of this state, requests or consents during his life that his body may be delivered to a regular physician or surgeon, for the advancement of anatomical science, after his death, it may be used for that purpose, unless some kindred or family connection makes objection.

Unclaimed bodies to be subject to use of medical school of Maine.

SECT. 3. The body of any person dying in this state, which shall not be claimed, reasonable notice being given for burial by the family or next of kin of such person, shall be subject to the use of the medical school of Maine, for anatomical purposes, as hereinafter provided, and if, at any time said school shall receive a greater number of bodies than it needs for the instruction of its students, it shall be authorized to deliver the excess to any regular physician or surgeon, for the same purpose, in this state.

Municipal officers to notify and deliver bodies to officers of school.

SECT. 4. Persons having the care of such bodies shall forthwith notify the municipal officers of the town in which such bodies are, and upon the reception of such notice the municipal officers of such town shall immediately notify, by mail or otherwise, the officers of the medical school of Maine, and such notice shall state the age and sex of the deceased,

and the cause of death, if known, on request of the officers of said school, if made within two days after receiving such notice, said municipal officers shall deliver such bodies to such officers, or to any regular physician or surgeon by them designated to receive the same; but before receiving any such body, said medical school, physician or surgeon, shall give bond to the treasurer of such town, as provided in section two of chapter thirteen of the revised statutes. Any person who shall knowingly violate the provisions of this section shall forfeit the sum of thirty dollars, to be recovered by an action of debt, one-half to the use of the prosecutor, and one-half to the use of said medical school of Maine.

CHAP. 94.

Bond to be given.

Penalty for violation.

SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

Approved March 17, 1881.

### Chapter 94.

An act additional to an act entitled, "An act for the promotion of Medical Science."

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

SECT. 1. Whenever the body of any person dying in this state, shall come into the possession of the officers of the medical school of Maine, under the provisions of an act entitled, "An act for the promotion of Medical Science," it shall be the duty of the secretary of the faculty of said school, to cause such body to be embalmed without delay, and preserved without dissection for thirty days. And in case the name of said subject is unknown, the same shall be identified by a sufficient description, which shall be recorded by the secretary, in a book kept for that purpose, and which shall be open to public inspection.

Secretary of Me. medical school to preserve dead bodies without dissection for 30 days.

Identification to be recorded.

SECT. 2. Any of the family or next of kin of such subject, may claim said subject for burial within said thirty days, and the same shall be delivered to them for said purpose on demand.

Subject may be claimed for burial within time.

SECT. 3. Any violation of the provisions of this act, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Penalty for violation.

Approved March 17, 1881.