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istration, shall be arrested, detained in custody until a warrant can be procured and shall for each offense be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisonment not more than sixty days.

Inconsistent
acts, repealed.

SECT. 35. Section forty-seven, chapter four of the revised statutes, and chapter thirty-four, public laws of Maine, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 19, 1893.

Chapter 305.

An Act to provide for the prevention of the introduction and spread of Asiatic Cholera and other Infectious Diseases, and for the more effective protection of the public health.

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

State Board of
Health authorized to
establish system of
inspection, to as-
certain presence
of infectious
diseases.

SECT. 1. The more effectually to protect the public health the State Board of Health shall have power to establish such systems of inspection as in its judgment may be necessary to ascertain the actual or threatened presence of the infection of Asiatic cholera, small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or typhus fever; and any duly authorized agent or inspector of said board shall have power to enter any building, vessel, railway car or other public vehicle, to inspect the same and to remove therefrom any person affected by said diseases; and for this purpose he may require the person in charge of any vessel or public vehicle other than a railway car to stop such vessel or vehicle at any place, and he may require the conductor of any railway train to stop his train at any station or upon any side track and there detain it for a reasonable time; provided, that no conductor shall be required to stop his train when telegraphic communication with the dispatcher's office cannot be obtained or at such times or under such circumstances as may endanger the safety of the train and passengers; and provided further, that any such agent or inspector may cause any car which he may think may be infected with said disease to be side tracked at any suitable place and there be cleansed, fumigated and disinfected. And the said board of health may from time to time make, alter, modify or revoke rules and regulations for guarding against the intro-

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duction of said diseases into the state; for the control and suppression thereof if within the state; for the quarantine and disinfection of persons, localities, and things infected or suspected of being infected by such diseases; for the transportation of dead bodies when death resulted from said diseases; for the speedy and private interment of the bodies of persons who have died from said diseases; and, in emergency, for providing those sick with said diseases with necessary medical aid and with temporary hospitals for their accommodation and for the accommodation of their nurses and attendants. And the said board may declare any and all of its rules and regulations made in accordance with the provisions of this act to be in force within the whole state, or within any specified part thereof, and to apply to any vessel, railway car, or public vehicle of any kind. The rules and regulations of the State Board of Health, if of general application, shall be published in the official paper of the state; but whenever in the judgment of the board it shall be necessary to do so, special rules and regulations, or orders relating to said diseases may be made for any town, village or city without such publication and the service of copies of such rules, regulations, or orders upon such town, village or city through the officers thereof shall be a sufficient notice thereto; and the rules, regulations or orders of the State Board of Health made in accordance with the provisions of this act shall, from the time being and until the same are revoked, supersede all local rules, regulations, by-laws, or ordinances that may be inconsistent or in conflict therewith.

—shall supersede all local rules.

SECT. 2. All health officers, local boards of health, municipal officers, sheriffs, constables, policemen, and marshals shall enforce the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health made as provided in this act in every particular affecting their respective localities and duties; and any person who shall neglect or refuse to obey the said rules and regulations, or who shall willfully obstruct or hinder the execution thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than six months, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. And it shall be the duty of all authorities of every county, city, town, and village corporation, and of all local boards of health, and of all officers

All officers shall enforce regulations.

penalty, for refusing to obey rule.

—authorities required to cooperate with board.

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—in case of refusal to co-operate board may appoint agents.

—expenses.

Rules must be approved by governor and council.

When act shall take effect.

and persons in charge of the institutions, buildings, and vehicles mentioned in this act to co-operate with the State Board of Health in carrying out the provisions of this act; and in case such co-operation be refused, withheld, or neglected, the said board shall have power to execute its orders and directions by agents of its own appointment; and all expenses incurred under the provisions of this section shall be paid by the state, the bills first being approved by the governor and council.

SECT. 3. Any rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Health in the premises shall be immediately submitted by it to the governor and council and unless approved in writing by the governor and council within thirty days after such submission, such rules and regulations shall thereafter become ineffective. Should the governor and council disapprove any rules and regulations so submitted to them within the thirty days and so notify the secretary of the State Board of Health in writing, the rules and regulations so disapproved shall, upon such notification immediately become ineffective and void.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect the first day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

Approved March 29, 1893.

Chapter 306.

An Act to amend Section twelve of Chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred eighty-nine, relating to Hawkers and Peddlers.

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

Sec. 12, ch. 293,
Pub. Laws, 18:9,
amended.

SECT. 1. Section twelve of chapter two hundred and ninety-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine is hereby amended by striking out in the fifth line the word "eleven" and inserting instead thereof the word "ten;" so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Officers shall arrest every person violating law.

SECT. 12. Sheriffs and their deputies, constables and police officers, shall arrest and prosecute every person within their jurisdiction whom they have reason to believe to be guilty of violation of any of the provisions of this act; and one-half of any fine recovered under section ten of this act shall