

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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receive twenty-five cents from the town in which the birth or death has occurred.'

Section 8. When the state registrar of vital statistics believes that, in any place in this state, the records of births, marriages, or deaths are not made as is provided by law, or that any person neglects or fails to perform any duty provided in the law relating to the registration of vital statistics, the said registrar may visit such places and make such investigations as he may deem necessary, and all records, blanks and papers of town clerks relating to births, marriages or death shall be open to his examination, and any person who refuses such examination or hinders such investigation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than five nor more than twenty dollars. All actual traveling and other necessary expenses thus incurred by the state registrar, or incurred in attending the prosecution of cases brought by county attorneys, under the provision of section thirty-seven of this chapter, shall be paid by the state from the appropriation provided in section thirty-five, but not more than two hundred dollars shall thus be paid to the state registrar for such expenses in one year.

Duty of state registrar of vital statistics, in certain cases.

---expenses, how paid.

Section 9. When a town or city clerk receives a certificate of the death of any person who has died of tuberculosis in his town, he shall forthwith send a copy of said certificate to the health officer of his town or city, or where there is no health officer, to the secretary of the local board of health.

Health officer to be notified.

Section 10. The registrar of vital statistics shall require all copies which are transmitted under the provisions of section thirty-two of chapter sixty-one to be typewritten or written with black durable ink in a fair or legible hand, and a city or town clerk who neglects or refuses to make or cause to be made typewritten or fair and legible copies as required shall forfeit not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars, to the use of the state.

All copies shall be typewritten, or in legible hand.

Approved March 16, 1909.

## Chapter 76.

An Act to prohibit expectoration in certain Public Places and Conveyances.

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

Section 1. No person shall expectorate or spit on any public sidewalk, or public street crossing, or cross walk, or, except in receptacles provided for the purpose, upon the floor in any

Spitting in public places, prohibited.

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city or town hall, in any court house or court room, in any factory, in any public library or museum, in any church or theatre, in any lecture or music hall, in any ferryboat or steamboat, in any railroad car, except a smoking car, in any street or inter-urban railway car, in any railroad or railway station, or waiting-room or on any sidewalk or platform connected therewith.

Penalty

Section 2. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars.

Approved March 16, 1909.

**Chapter 77.**

An Act relating to Pleading a Discharge in Bankruptcy.

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

Discharge  
in bank-  
ruptcy, how  
pleaded.

A discharge in bankruptcy may be pleaded by a simple averment that on the day of its date such discharge was granted to the bankrupt, and a certificate of such discharge under seal of the court granting the same, shall be conclusive evidence in favor of such bankrupt of the fact and regularity of such discharge.

Approved March 16, 1909.

**Chapter 78.**

An Act providing for the better protection of the people of the State of Maine from the disease known as Tuberculosis.

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

A register  
of all per-  
sons affect-  
ed shall be  
kept.

Section 1. The state board of health of Maine shall keep a register of all persons in this state who are known to be affected with tuberculosis. The state board of health shall have sole and exclusive control of said register, and shall not permit inspection thereof nor disclose any of its personal particulars except to its own agents or to local officials when in the interest of the public health and safety it is deemed necessary to do so.

Declared to  
be an infec-  
tious dis-  
ease.  
—duty of  
physician.

Section 2. Tuberculosis is hereby declared to be an infectious and communicable disease, dangerous to the public health. It shall be the duty of every physician in the state of Maine to report in writing on forms to be furnished by the state board of health the name, age, sex, color, occupation, place where last employed if known, and address of every person known by said physician to have tuberculosis, to the secretary