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CHAP. 178

Chapter 178.

An Act to Prevent Milk-borne Outbreaks of Infectious Diseases.

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

Inspector or agent of State Board of Health may make inspection of dairy buildings at any time.

Section 1. Whenever, in the opinion of any officer or duly authorized inspector or agent of the State Board of Health, it may be necessary to guard against the spread of any infectious or communicable disease, or to investigate the source of infection of any case or outbreak of said disease, or to facilitate the control of said disease, said officer, inspector or agent of said board shall have full power and authority at all times to enter and inspect premises, rooms, carriages or other places occupied or used in the production, manufacture, storage, sale, transportation or distribution of milk, cream, ice cream or other dairy product, and to inspect all cans and other utensils or things used in, or appertaining to the work or business.

Officer may prohibit sale or transportation of infected products, so long as there is danger.

Section 2. When any officer, inspector, or duly authorized agent of the State Board of Health has reason to believe that the milk, cream, ice cream or other dairy product from any farm, home or other place has been or is contaminated or infected by being handled or otherwise exposed to any person who has an infectious or communicable disease, or to any person of whom there is reason to believe he may be an infection carrier, or that the milk is otherwise infected; said officer, inspector or agent may issue an order prohibiting the transportation, sale, distribution or use of such milk or other dairy product from that farm, home or other place so long as the danger of contamination or infection is believed to exist; but when such order is given the State Board of Health shall do all it can to determine the time when the danger of transmitting infection has passed, and shall do everything it can do to shorten the period during which the milk or other dairy product shall be debarred or withheld from transportation, sale, distribution or use.

—shall do everything possible to shorten period of probation.

Officers may pay market price for samples to aid in investigations.

Section 3. Any officer or authorized inspector or agent of the State Board of Health, may, upon tendering the market price of a sample of milk, cream, ice cream or other dairy product, take such sample from any person, firm, corporation, associations or persons, when it is believed that such sample may help in any investigations which it may be thought desirable to make.

Board of Health may make rules thought necessary to lessen spread of disease.

Section 4. The State Board of Health is hereby authorized to alter, modify or make such rules and regulations as may be thought necessary relating to the diseases which it believes may be carried or transmitted through milk or other dairy products,

or relating to the ways and means through which the danger of the spread of infection may be prevented or lessened, and the methods which shall be followed by any officer, inspector or agent of the State Board of Health in the performance of his duties in relation thereto. CHAP. 179

Section 5. Whoever hinders, obstructs or interferes with any officer, inspector or duly authorized agent of the State Board of Health while in the performance of his duties, or violates or disobeys any of the orders, rules or regulations which may be made or given by the State Board of Health or any officer, inspector or agent thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

—penalty for interference with inspector or agent in performance of duty.

Approved March 24, 1915.

Chapter 179.

An Act to Provide for Professional Supervision of Schools of Remotely Situated Plantations.

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

Section 1. Whenever the State Superintendent of Public Schools shall find on investigation that any plantation is so situated that it is not practicable to form a union in accordance with the provisions of sections forty to forty-five, inclusive, of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes, the said State Superintendent may, upon the petition of the superintending school committee of said plantation, place at the service of said superintending school committee the general agent for the schooling of the children in unorganized townships, who shall, when so assigned, serve as the superintendent of schools of said plantation and when the said agent shall so serve he shall have the same powers and shall perform the same service as superintendent of schools of towns, provided, however, that his visits to the schools of said plantation shall be at such intervals as may be directed by the State Superintendent of Public Schools.

State Supt. of Schools may provide for professional supervision in remotely situated plantations.

Section 2. Whenever the schools of any plantation shall be placed under the supervision of the general agent of unorganized township schools as provided by section one of this act, the treasurer of said plantation shall pay to the Treasurer of State a sum which shall be at the rate of twenty-five dollars annually for each of the schools of said plantation and the amount so received by the Treasurer of State shall be added by him to the appropriation for the schooling of children in unorganized townships.

—visits, as directed by State Supt. of Schools.

Twenty-five dollars for each school shall be paid annually to Treasurer of State.

Approved March 24, 1915.