

SEC. 3. Same. When it is determined by any physician or health officer that any person is sick with smallpox or any other contagious disease dangerous to the public health while in any city, town or township other than the one in which he resides, provided the distance be not to exceed fifteen (15) miles from his place of residence, then and in that event if the person so diseased elect to be moved to the city, town or township in which he resides, he may be so removed by private conveyance along the least frequented highways under escort of a health officer to his abode immediately on determining that he is so diseased; and every such vehicle shall carry as a signal of warning, conspicuously displayed, a yellow flag not less than two feet square. All expenses of removal, care and quarantine of such person shall be paid by the city, town or township to which he is removed and shall be paid in the manner provided in section two (2) of this chapter.

SEC. 4. Misdemeanor. Any person who shall move, or any physician or any member of a local board of health who shall cause or assist any person known to be infected or sick with smallpox, or any contagious disease dangerous to the public health to be removed from one city, town or township, to another city, town or township, contrary to the provisions of this act or of any regulation of the state board of health, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both at the discretion of the court.

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CHAPTER 100.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

H. F. 418.

AN ACT to require the registration of births and deaths in Iowa. [Additional to chapter sixteen (16) of title twelve (XII) of the code, relating to the state board of health.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. State registrar of vital statistics. That for the complete and proper registration of births and deaths for legal, sanitary and statistical purposes, the state board of health is hereby constituted state registrar of vital statistics, and it shall be his duty to promulgate and enforce all necessary rules and regulations that may be required to carry out the purpose of this act.

SEC. 2. Local registrars—sub-registrars. Local registrars of vital statistics shall be the health officers of cities and the clerks of townships. Each local registrar shall at once, upon his election or appointment, appoint a deputy, subject to the approval of the state board of health, who shall act as registrar in case of his absence, illness or other disqualifications, and the state board of health may also appoint, as sub-registrars, the clerks of all incorporated villages and not more than three other persons in each township, to file certificates of births and deaths, transmit them to the township registrars, and to issue burial and removal permits, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. Certificates of death—burial or removal permits. The undertaker or person in charge of the funeral of any person dying in Iowa shall cause a certificate of death to be filled out, with all the personal particulars contained in the standard blank adopted by the U. S. census, and with a statement of cause of death by the attending physician, or, in his absence, by the health officer or coroner, and shall file it with the local registrar before the body is interred, deposited in a vault or otherwise disposed of, or removed from the township, village or city in which the death occurred. On receipt of a certificate of death properly and completely filled out, the local registrar

shall issue a burial or removal permit, and no sexton or superintendent of a cemetery shall permit interment, and no railroad or other transportation company shall permit shipment, of a body unaccompanied by a registrar's burial or removal permit.

SEC. 4. Certificates of birth. A certificate of birth of the standard form adopted by the U. S. census shall be made out by the physician, midwife, or other person attending the birth of every child born in Iowa, or in default of such person by the parent, householder, superintendent of an institution, or other responsible person, and filed with the local registrar of vital statistics within ten days after the birth. In case the child is not named, the registrar shall deliver a supplementary blank for report of given name to the person filing the certificate, to be filled out and returned as soon as the child shall be named.

SEC. 5. Monthly reports. Sub-registrars shall deliver all certificates of births and deaths filed with them for any month to the township registrar on or before the third day of the following month. Local registrars shall record and number, in order of filing, all certificates of births and deaths, including those filed by sub-registrars, and on the fifth day of the following month shall mail them to the state board of health in a stamped return envelope provided by the state board of health and include a statement card showing the number returned, with their registered numbers, and that no other births and deaths have occurred and failed to be registered. In case no births or deaths have occurred, then the local registrar shall make a report to that effect upon a postal card blank provided by the state board of health.

SEC. 6. Duties of secretary of state—compensation of registrars. The secretary of state shall furnish blank certificates of birth and death to physicians, undertakers and local registrars, and shall supply local registrars with all necessary blanks, forms and instructions for the effective execution of the law. He shall, annually, certify to the board of supervisors of each county the number of certificates of births and deaths received from each local registrar, for each of which, when completely and properly made out and properly transmitted to the secretary of state on the fifth day of the following month, the local registrar shall be entitled to the sum of twenty-five cents (25c) to be paid out of the county fund. Provided, that for certificates originally filed with sub-registrars, completely made out and promptly transmitted, the sub-registrar shall receive ten cents (10c) each and the registrar shall receive fifteen cents (15c) each; provided further, that city registrars of cities having ten thousand (10,000) population or more by the last U. S. census shall receive no special compensation other than that included in their salaries for acting as registrars under this act. Each report of "no deaths" or "no births" shall be included in the warrant for payment as one certificate.

SEC. 7. Misdemeanor. Any undertaker, person acting as undertaker, physician, midwife, sub-registrar, local registrar, sexton, agent of a transportation company, or other person violating any of the provisions of this act or failing to properly register a birth or death as herein required, shall, upon conviction, be considered guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not less than five (5) and not more than one hundred (100) dollars, or be imprisoned not more than sixty (60) days, or be subjected to both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court. It shall be the duty of the prosecuting attorney in each county, upon complaint of a local registrar or of the state board of health, to aid in the enforcement of this act, and the state board of health shall endeavor to see that it is uniformly and officially executed throughout the state.

SEC. 8. Repealed. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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