

CHAPTER 111.

QUARANTINE, CARE OF INFECTED PERSONS AND THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES THEREOF.
R. F. 91.

AN ACT to repeal the law as it appears in section two thousand five hundred and seventy-a (2570-a) of the supplement to the code and chapter ninety-eight (98) laws of the Thirtieth General Assembly, relating to quarantine, the care of infected persons and the payment of expenses incurred thereby and to enact a substitute therefor.

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

SECTION 1. Repealed—care of infected person—expenses. That section two thousand five hundred and seventy-a (2570-a) of the supplement to the code and chapter ninety-eight (98) acts of the Thirtieth General Assembly be, and the same are hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

“When any person shall be sick or infected with smallpox or other infectious or contagious disease dangerous to the public health, whether a resident or otherwise, the local board of health shall make such provisions as are best calculated to protect the inhabitants therefrom, and may remove such person to a separate house or to a pest house, or detention or other hospital, and shall provide needful assistance, nurses, medical attendance and supplies. If in the judgment of said board such person cannot be removed, then he shall be cared for at the place where he resides in the same manner as above provided. In case of the removal of more than one person to the same house, or to any pest house, or detention or other hospital, said board shall provide needful assistance, nurses, medical supplies and attendance necessary for their proper care. All bills for expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this section, and in establishing, maintaining, or raising a quarantine, including disinfection and the building and furnishing of any pest house, detention or other hospital, shall be filed with the clerk of the local board of health, which board shall examine the same and act thereon at its next regular meeting after the same have been filed with the clerk and shall certify the amount allowed by it thereon to the county auditor, and the board of county supervisors shall act upon said bills as thus certified at its first regular meeting thereafter. The local board of health shall allow an amount on such bills as shall be reasonable, and the certificate of the local board of health shall be prima facie evidence of the correctness of said bills, but the board of supervisors may revise the amounts so allowed and fix the same. The expenses paid under the provisions of this section shall in no case exceed the reasonable value of the property furnished or services rendered and the county shall not advance such expenses until the same shall have been audited and allowed by the board of supervisors; and the said board of supervisors shall, at the time it levies the general taxes, levy on the property of the city, town or township, from which such expenses were certified, a sufficient tax to reimburse the county to the extent of one-third of the amount paid by it under the provisions of this act. It is further provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any person quarantined, as herein provided, from employing at his own expense, the physician or nurse of his choice. The forcible removal of sick or infected persons, as herein provided, shall be effected by an application made to any civil magistrate, in the manner provided for the removal and abatement of nuisances, who shall issue the warrant as directed in such cases, to remove such person or persons to the place designated by the local board of health, or to take possession of the condemned or infected houses or lodgings and such officer shall receive a reasonable compensation for such services, to be determined and allowed by said local board.

SEC. 2. Pending litigation. That nothing in this act shall in any manner affect pending litigation.

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