

[No. 73, S.]

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CHAPTER 168.

AN ACT to prevent the spread of contagious, infectious, and pestilential diseases.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Making it a misdemeanor to bring body of deceased person unless accompanied by certificate

SECTION 1. Any person who shall bring, knowingly aid in bringing or cause to be brought, by rail-road, steamboat, sailing vessel, stage coach or other public or private conveyance, into any town, village or city of the state of Wisconsin, the dead body of a deceased person, unless such dead body is accompanied by the written or printed certificate of a physician or coroner, clearly stating the cause of death, and unless, when the cause of death is small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or other dangerous, contagious, infectious or pestilential disease, such dead body is also accompanied by the written or printed permit of a lawfully constituted public health authority and by the sworn declaration of an undertaker in writing, that the body of the person deceased as aforesaid is hermetically inclosed in an air tight metallic coffin or is encased with an abundance of powerful disinfectants according to the written or printed directions of said public health authority, so as to render the same entirely innocuous, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than twenty days, nor more than one hundred days.

Transportation companies not to receive nor transport.

SECTION 2. Agents and employes of incorporated transportation companies, and public or private carriers of whatsoever name or nature, shall not receive for transportation, nor transport, the dead body of any person, except on receipt of duly executed papers showing that the conditions required by section one of this act have been complied with, under the same penalties as therein provided.

Penalty for issuing false certificate.

SECTION 3. Any physician or any person assuming to act as physician, who shall issue a false certificate whereby a case of small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or other dangerous, contagious, infectious or pestilential disease may be concealed, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than three hundred dollars, and by imprisonment

in the county jail not less than twenty days, nor more than one hundred days; and the ignorance of an uneducated practitioner of medicine shall not be pleaded in justification or extenuation of his offense.

SECTION 4. Any person knowingly laboring under small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or other dangerous, contagious, infectious or pestilential disease, who shall willfully enter a public place or a public conveyance or shall in any way willfully subject others to danger of contracting his disease, or any person who shall knowingly and willfully take, aid in taking, or cause to be taken, a child or other irresponsible person, while laboring under any of the aforesaid diseases, into a public place or public conveyance, or shall in any way knowingly and willfully subject others to danger of contracting any of the aforesaid diseases from such child or irresponsible person, or any person who shall knowingly and willfully subject others to danger of contracting any of the aforesaid diseases from the dead body of a person deceased thereof, or any person who shall in any way knowingly and willfully expose, aid in exposing, or cause to be exposed a child or other irresponsible person, to danger of contracting any of the aforesaid diseases, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to the same penalties as are provided in section one of this act.

Making it a misdemeanor for person affected to willfully and knowingly expose others.

SECTION 5. Upon complaint made in writing, under oath, before any magistrate or justice of the peace, charging the commission of an offense against the provisions of this act in his county, it shall be the duty of the district attorney to prosecute the offender.

Duty of district attorney.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication, and all acts and parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act, in so far as they contravene the same, are hereby repealed.

Act to take effect.

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[No. 208, S.]

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CHAPTER 169.

AN ACT to repeal chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the laws of 1877, and to amend and re-enact chapter seventy-two of the private and local laws of 1870, relating to the settlement of the railroad debt of the city of Watertown.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Said chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the laws of 1877, is hereby repealed, and said

Acts repealed and re-enacted.