

same extent and effect as if said school district had been legally organized in the first instance.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 161.

AN ACT to regulate homes for infant children, lying-in hospitals and maternity homes, and to provide for the supervision of same by public health officers.

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

**Report; health officers to be admitted.** SECTION 1. Any person, or persons, or corporation, who own, keep, conduct or manage any institution or home for the boarding or sheltering of infant children, or who conduct or manage a so-called maternity home or lying-in hospital, or so-called "baby-farm" shall, before taking into such institution any inmate or inmates, report in writing to the local board of health, health officer or health department, the name, or names, and address of such person, corporation, or persons, respectively, the exact location of such institution, home or lying-in hospital. Owners, keepers or managers of such lying-in hospitals or maternity homes, home for infants, or so-called "baby-farm," shall, at reasonable hours, admit to such institutions the local health officer or health commissioner, or his assistants, for the purpose of inspecting such institution.

**Report of births.** SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of any person who is the owner or keeper, or who conducts or manages, or who is in charge of any such maternity home or lying-in hospital, to report to the local board of health or health officer, or health department the birth of any child, including still born or prematurely born children, which takes place in such mater-

nity home or lying-in hospital, within twenty-four hours after such birth and before said child is removed therefrom.

**Report as to arrival of children.** SECTION 3. Every owner or keeper of a home for infants, or so-called "baby-farm" shall report to the local board of health or health officer the arrival of any child at such institution within twenty-four hours thereof, giving the name, sex, age and color, and from whom received.

**Report as to removal of children.** SECTION 4. Whenever any child is taken from any so-called maternity home, or lying-in hospital, home for infants or so-called "baby-farm," the owner, keeper or manager thereof shall, within twenty-four hours of such removal, report in writing to the local board of health, or health officer or health department of the disposition of such child and its name and age.

**Duty of health officers.** SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the local board of health, health officer or health department to keep informed of the nature and reputation of every such institution in their respective jurisdiction, and to visit and inspect the same from time to time.

**Penalty.** SECTION 6. Any person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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