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CHAPTER 452.

AN ACT to appropriate a fund to be used for the prevention of the introduction and spread of Asiatic cholera, and other dangerous diseases, and for the more effectual protection of the public health.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, which shall be for a fund which may be used by the State Board of Health under the conditions and restrictions imposed by this act, to prevent the introduction or spread in this state of Asiatic cholera or other dangerous contagious disease. Any sum not expended on the first day of February 1889, shall revert to the general fund of the state.

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etc.

SECTION 2. The more effectually to protect the public health, the State Board of Health shall have power to establish such systems of inspection as in its judgment may be necessary to ascertain the presence of the infection of Asiatic cholera or other dangerous contagious disease; and any member or duly authorized agent or inspector of the said board shall have power to enter any building, vessel, railway car, or other public vehicle to inspect the same, and to remove therefrom any person affected by Asiatic cholera or other dangerous contagious disease; and for this purpose he may require the person in charge of any vessel or public vehicle other than a railway car to stop such vessel or vehicle, at any place, and he may require the conductor of any railway train to stop his train at any station or upon any side track for such time as may be necessary. And the State Board of Health may from time to time make, alter, modify or revoke rules and regulations for guarding against the introduction of contagious diseases into the state; for the control

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and suppression thereof if within the state; for the quarantine and disinfection of persons, localities and things infected or suspected of being infected by such diseases; for the transportation of dead bodies; for the speedy and private interment of the bodies of persons who have died from dangerous contagious disease; for the proper sanitary care of jails, asylums, school houses, hotels and all other public buildings and the premises connected therewith; and in emergency for providing those sick with dangerous contagious disease with necessary medical aid, and with temporary hospitals for their accomodation and for the accommodation of their nurses and attendants. And the said board may declare any or all of its rules and regulations made in accordance with the provisions of this act to be in force within the whole state, or within any specified part thereof, and to apply to any vessel, railway car or public vehicle of any kind. And in general the State Board of Health shall have power, and it shall be its duty, to make such rules and regulations and to take such measures as may in its judgment be necessary for the protection of the people of the state from Asiatic cholera or other dangerous contagious disease. The rules and regulations of the State Board of Health, if of general application, shall be published in the official paper of the state; but whenever in the judgment of the board it shall be necessary so to do, special rules, regulations or orders may be made for any city, village or town, without such publication; and the service of copies of such rules, regulations or orders upon such city, village or town through the officers thereof, shall be a sufficient notice thereto; and the rules, regulations or orders of the State Board of Health, made in accordance with the provisions of this act, shall for the time being and until the same are revoked, supersede all local rules, regulations or ordinances that may be inconsistent or in conflict therewith.

Rules and regulations to be enforced by.

SECTION 3. All health officers, local boards of health, sheriffs, constables, policemen, marshals, and other officers and employes of the state shall respect and enforce the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health, made as provided in this act in every particular affecting their respective localities and duties; and any person who shall ne-

glect or refuse to obey the said rules and regulations, or who shall wilfully obstruct or hinder the execution thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished for each offense by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars, and not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in any county jail for a period of not more than six months, or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. And it shall be the duty of all county, city, town and village authorities, and of all local boards of health, and of all officers and persons in charge of the institutions, buildings and vehicles mentioned in this act, to co-operate with the State Board of Health in carrying out the provisions of this act; and in case such co-operation be refused, withheld or neglected, the said board shall have power to execute its orders and directions by agents of its own appointment; and all expenses incurred under the provisions of this section shall be paid by the county, city, town or village in which, or on behalf of which said expenses shall have been incurred, excepting only such expenses incurred for the prevention and control of Asiatic cholera, as may be properly paid from the fund provided by this act. Penalty.

SECTION 4. The term, "dangerous, contagious diseases" as used in this act, shall be construed and understood to mean such diseases as the State Board of Health shall designate as contagious and dangerous to the public health Term "dangerous contagious" defined.

SECTION 5. To enable the State Board of Health to publish in different languages, and freely to distribute circulars of information and instruction concerning dangerous contagious diseases, and for the general furtherance of its work, there is hereby appropriated to the said board the sum of one thousand dollars annually, or so much thereof as may be necessary; and whenever during the existence of the fund provided by section 1, of this act, the board shall certify to the governor the presence of Asiatic cholera, or the imminent danger of the introduction thereof into this state, the governor may in his discretion draw from the fund provided by section 1, of this act such further sums as the said board may require; and the sums so drawn shall be expended by the said board in such manner as may seem to it neces- Appropriation—circulars to be published in different languages.

sary for preventing the introduction of the said disease into the state, or for controlling and suppressing it in case it shall already exist within the state. And any member of the State Board of Health actually engaged in work for the prevention or control of Asiatic cholera, as contemplated by this act, shall be allowed and paid from the fund herein provided such sum as the governor, in his discretion, may deem sufficient, not exceeding fifteen dollars per day, together with his necessary expenses while so engaged. And the State Board of Health shall annually, or whenever required by the governor so to do, make and return to him an itemized statement of all expenses incurred by its members while thus engaged.

Compensation of members of Board—to be fixed by governor.

Repeal.

SECTION 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

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CHAPTER 453.

AN ACT to further define the duties and powers of the state factory inspector and to provide for the better performance thereof.

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

Further duties of factory inspector.

SECTION 1. The state factory inspector, his assistant, or any officer of the bureau of labor and industrial statistics, shall examine elevators used for carrying freight or passengers, or both, and shall condemn those found to be defective or unsafe by written notice given to the proprietor or owner, or the agent of either, or by posting said notice on the elevator walls or cab. And if any elevator so condemned shall be continued in use without repairs, and loss of limb or life result