

SECTION 3. All officers, elected at such annual town meeting or adjourned town meeting are hereby constituted and declared to be the legal officers of said town and all acts of the officers so elected, performed or taken prior to the passage and publication of this act are hereby confirmed and ratified and given the same force and effect as though said town had been theretofore properly constituted and organized, and the said officers properly and legally elected at a legal town meeting of the electors of such town of Lincoln and duly qualified.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 279.

AN ACT to repeal section 1416 of the statutes, and to create sections 1416—15 to 1416—19, inclusive, of the statutes, relating to public health.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1416 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. There are added to the statutes five new sections to read: Section 1416—15. Whenever a health officer shall know, suspect, or be informed of the existence of any communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, it shall be the duty of such health officer, or deputy, to at once examine such case, or cases of alleged communicable disease, dangerous to the public health. If a quarantenable disease is found to exist, the health officer shall at once establish quarantine as provided in the rules and regulations adopted by the state board of health for the control of dangerous, contagious, or infectious diseases.

Section 1416—16. When in the judgment of the health officer it appears necessary for the protection of the public health that such afflicted person, or persons, should be isolated and quarantined in a separate building, or place, the health officer shall remove such afflicted person, if it can be done without danger to his health, to such building or place, and the expense of such removal shall be paid by the board having jurisdiction of such cases, out of the general funds of the city, incorporated village, or town.

Section 1416—17. The expense for necessary nurses, medical attention, food and other articles needed for the comfort of the afflicted person, or persons, shall be a charge to the person so

taken care of, or against any other person who may be liable for his support. Indigent cases shall be cared for at public expense upon the order of the local board of health. The expense of maintaining quarantine and disinfection of persons and premises after death or recovery, shall be paid by the city, incorporated village, or town, upon the order of the local board of health. In all cases the disinfecting and cleansing, so as to effectually destroy the contagion, shall be done before quarantine is removed. The disinfecting and cleansing shall be carried out according to methods endorsed and recommended by the State Board of Health.

Section 1416—18. If at any time the authorities in any city, incorporated village, or town, fail, neglect, or refuse to enforce the statutes and the rules of the State Board of Health for the restriction and prevention of dangerous communicable diseases, the State Board of Health shall take charge, and enforce the laws and rules, and all expenses thus incurred shall be paid by the city, incorporated village, or town in which such enforcement becomes necessary.

Section 1416—19. It shall be the duty of the health officer, or a representative of any local board of health to attend a local conference called by the secretary of the State Board of Health when required to do so by the latter, for consultation or reference concerning the restriction and prevention of contagious and infectious diseases or for the consideration of any other important sanitary matters affecting their respective districts, and the expenses of the health officer or representative shall be certified by the board appointing him and paid out of the general funds of the city, incorporated village, or town where such board is established, provided that no board of health shall be required or authorized to send a health officer or representative to more than one conference in any one year. No conference shall be authorized under the provisions of this act except in cases where dangerous, contagious or infectious diseases are present in the district, or when other conditions dangerous to the life and health of the people are found to exist.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved June 3, 1909.