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# CHAPTER 232.

AN ACT to amend chapter 41, Revised Statutes of Wisconsin for 1878, entitled "General provisions relating to municipalities, and the several acts amendatory thereof, and pertaining to public health in cities of one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants or more."

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

**Registrar of vital statistics.** SECTION 1. The commissioner of health in cities of one hundred thousand or more, is hereby authorized and instructed to appoint a registrar of vital statistics for any such city for a like term as that of such commissioner of health, whose salary shall be fixed by the common council of such city, and paid as other city officials are paid.

**Officer; duties.** SECTION 2. The registrar's office shall be located with the office of the health department, and shall be subject to such rules as the commissioner of health shall prescribe, and all deaths reported to the health office shall be arranged by dates, and indexed in alphabetical order and recorded, after being numbered, commencing with number one at the begining of each month, and all births reported to the registrar, as hereinafter provided for, shall also be kept in like manner as is required in the recording of deaths, including indexing the same.

**Reports of births, record to be given register of deeds weekly.** SECTION. 3. For the purpose of simplifying the work of physicians and other professional persons in recording births and deaths, and at the same time enabling them to collect the fee provided in section 1, of chapter 287, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of fees for the recording of births and deaths", approved March 30th, 1882, it is hereby enacted that it shall be the duty of the registrar of vital statistics to transmit every week all reports of births received for record from physicians and other professional persons to the register of deeds of any county in which such city may be located, taking his receipt therefor, and the delivery of

such reports to the registrar of vital statistics, with the receipt of the register of deeds, for the same, shall be sufficient evidence of compliance with the provisions of said chapter 287, laws of 1882, and of section 1023 and 102', of the Revised Statutes of Wisconsin, and chapter 264, laws of 1885.

SECTION 4. Before the delivery of said certificates of births, the registrar of vital statistics is hereby required to make correct entries in a book in the form prescribed in a succeeding section, giving each certificate a number commencing with number one and continuing through the year, said number to correspond with those on the record books. *Certificates of birth, record to be made.*

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the person attending the birth of any child in any such city, or in case of non-attendance by a physician or midwife, the father of the child, to report on blanks to be furnished free, personally, at the office of the registrar of vital statistics, and to be filled out by him as hereinafter provided, corresponding to those furnished by the secretary of state, all the facts concerning said birth, and particularly the name of child, color, sex, name of father and his occupation, name of mother previous to marriage, date and place of birth, number of street, place of nativity of father and mother, within six days after the birth of a child which was born alive. Any person failing to so report the birth of any child in any such city, shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each and every offense, or by confinement in the county jail for a period not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court; provided however, that this section shall not apply to the record of still births, which are to be reported as deaths only. *Birth of child to be reported.* *Failure to report a misdemeanor.*

SECTION 6. The birth shall be recorded in a book in a similar manner to the death record kept at the health office, and a dating stamp shall be provided with the words, "Registrar of vital statistics of" (naming the city), and the registrar shall make an impression of such stamp on every certificate of birth upon receipt of the same. *Record book of births.*

SECTION 7. All other acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 17, 1893.

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# CHAPTER 233.

AN ACT to prevent fraud on life insurance companies.

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

To effect policy of insurance with intent of absconding, etc., a felony.
SECTION 1. Any person who shall effect a policy or certificate of insurance, or procure the same or either of the same, to be effected on his life, with the intent of absconding, or concealing himself, for the purpose of procuring for himself, or any other person, the whole or any part of the sum or sums of money named in such policy or certificate of insurance; or any person having a policy or certificate of insurance upon his life, who shall abscond, or conceal himself with the intent to procure for himself, or any other person, the sum or sums of money named in such policy or certificte of insurance, in whole or in part; or any person who shall knowingly aid, assist or abet in any manner another, whose life is insured, in absconding, or concealing himself, for the purpose of procuring for himself, or any other person, any insurance moneys; or any person who shall knowingly aid, assist or abet in any manner the assured named in any policy or certificate, who has absconded or concealed himself for the purpose of obtaining from any insurance company any insurance moneys for himself or any other persor, or any person who shall knowingly aid, assist or aset in any manner the beneficiary or beneficiaries, or either or any of them. named in any policy or cer-