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CHAPTER 401.

AN ACT to amend section 4608a of the statutes of 1898 relating to the transportation of corpses dead of contagious diseases.

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

Powers of state board of health; provisions as to transportation; penalty. SECTION 1. Section 4608a, statutes of 1898, is hereby amended by striking out the following words in line four, "diphtheria," "scarlet fever," "leprosy," and inserting the words "bubonic plague," and striking out in line eight the word "anthrax" and inserting the word "tuberculosis," and after the word "provided," in the sixth line, insert the following: "The state board of health shall make such rules and regulations as in their judgment they may deem necessary for the transportation of the bodies of persons dead of diphtheria, (membranous croup), scarlet fever, (scarletina or scarlet rash), glanders, anthrax, or leprosy, providing, however, that such rules and regulations shall conform to the rules and regulations in force in adjoining states, and those promulgated by the national baggage masters' association," so that the section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 4608a. Any person who shall for himself or as the agent or servant of another person, or corporation, transport or deliver for transportation the body of any person dead of smallpox, Asiatic cholera (cholera), typhus or ship fever, yellow fever, or bubonic plague, shall be punished as hereinafter provided. The state board of health shall make such rules and regulations as in their judgment they may deem necessary for the transportation of the bodies of persons dead of diphtheria (membranous croup), scarlet fever, (scarletina or scarlet rash), glanders, anthrax, or leprosy, providing, however, that such rules and regulations shall conform, to the rules and regulations in force in adjoining states, and those promulgated by the national baggage masters' association. For all the purposes of this section membranous croup shall be considered and treated as diphtheria. Any person who shall transport the body of any person dead of tuberculosis, puerperal fever, typhoid fever, erysipelas, measles, or other contagious infectious, or communicable disease, unless the same be wrapped in a sheet thor-

oughly saturated with a strong solution of bi-chloride of mercury, in the proportion of one ounce thereof to a gallon of water, and encased in an air-tight zinc, tin, copper or lead-lined coffin, or in an air-tight iron casket, hermetically sealed, and all enclosed in a strong, tight wooden box; or unless the body be wrapped in a sheet and disinfected by a solution of bi-chloride of mercury, as above, and placed in a strong coffin or casket which is encased in a hermetically sealed zinc, copper or tin case and all enclosed in a strong outside wooden box of material not less than an inch and a half thick; or transport any such body if it is accompanied by any article which has been exposed to the infection of any such disease, or without a permit from a board of health, or other competent health authority, and an affidavit of the undertaker in charge of the body stating that the body has been prepared in accordance with this section, and that the coffin used conforms to the requirements hereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

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CHAPTER 402.

AN ACT to amend section 796 of the statutes of 1898 relating to elections.

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

Powers of council, etc.; publication of notice fixing hours of opening and closing polls. SECTION 1. Section 796 of the statutes of 1898, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "afternoon" where it appears in the third line, the words, "provided that the common council of any city containing less than five thousand inhabitants, the town board of any town or board