

of correction as he may deem necessary to watch and guard said persons so employed; in case any convict or person lawfully confined in said house of correction who is employed or who is in the custody of an officer outside of said house of correction shall escape, he shall be deemed guilty of an escape and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction of Milwaukee County not more than one year nor less than thirty days, in addition to the sentence he is then serving, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 9

AN ACT to amend section 1417m of the statutes, being chapter 235 of the laws of 1917, relating to social diseases.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1417m of the statutes, being chapter 235 of the laws of 1917, is amended to read: Section 1417m. 1. Any person afflicted with gonorrhoea or syphilis in its infective or communicable stage is hereby declared to be a menace to the public health. Any physician licensed to practice medicine in this state who is called upon to attend or treat any person infected with gonorrhoea or syphilis in its communicable * * * stage, shall report to the state board of health in writing, at such time and in such manner as * * * said board * * * may direct, the age, * * * sex and conjugal condition of such person and the name of the disease with which such person is afflicted. Such report shall be made on blanks furnished by the said board.

2. Every physician treating venereally-infected * * * persons shall fully inform such persons of the danger of transmitting the disease to others and he shall advise against marriage while the person has such disease in a communicable form.

3. Any deputy state health officer having knowledge of any known or reasonably suspected case of gonorrhoea or syphilis in the infectious or communicable stage for which no treatment is being administered under the supervision of a licensed physician authorized to prescribe drugs shall forthwith report such case to the state board of health in such manner and in such form as in the judgment of said board will best tend to preserve the

public health and prevent public knowledge of the identity of such case. Said board shall immediately investigate or cause such case to be investigated and for such purpose may make or cause to be made such inspections, examinations, quarantines and disinfections as may be necessary. In making an examination of a female for the purpose of determining the existence of venereal disease a female physician may be secured by said board for such purpose when so requested by the person to be examined.

* * * 4. Whenever any person afflicted with gonorrhoea or syphilis ceases taking treatment before he or she has reached the stage of the disease where it is no longer communicable or whenever any * * * person has been informed by a licensed physician that such * * * person is afflicted with gonorrhoea or syphilis in the communicable stages and the person so afflicted refuses to take treatment, the physician shall forthwith notify the state board of health, giving the age, sex and conjugal condition of the person afflicted and the nature of the disease. The state board of health shall, without delay, take such steps as shall be necessary to have said person committed to a county or state institution for treatment until such * * * person has reached the stage of the disease where it is no longer communicable and the person so committed shall not be released from treatment until this stage of the disease is reached unless other provisions satisfactory to the state board of health are made for suitable treatment.

5. *Any such person who ceases taking treatments before the infectious or communicable stage of such disease has passed, or who, having been informed by any licensed physician that he is afflicted with such diseases or either of them in the infectious or communicable stage, refuses to take treatment therefor, may upon complaint, be committed by the judge of any court of record to any county or state institution where proper care will be provided and where the necessary precautions will be taken to prevent the spread of such disease, upon due proof of the acts hereinbefore specified. Complaints hereunder shall be made by the state health officer or any deputy state health officer and notice thereof shall be given to the person complained against as provided in subsection 2 of section 1416—6 of the statutes. The period of such commitment shall not extend beyond the time when the disease is no longer infectious or communicable, or beyond the time when other provisions satisfactory to the state board of health are made for suitable treatment; the certificate of the state health officer or deputy state health of-*

ficer making the complaint being prima facie evidence of either of such facts. In case of commitment, medical treatment shall be furnished without charge to such person, but the cost of maintenance shall be borne by such person, if not indigent. If such person is indigent, such cost shall be paid by the county wherever such person was a legal resident at the time of commitment. The cost of maintenance of persons committed who have not established a legal residence in any county in this state at the time of commitment shall be borne by the state and shall be paid out of the emergency appropriation to the state board of health appropriated by subsection (2) of section 20.43 of the statutes. The court shall make such order for the payment of cost of maintenance as may be proper.

* * * 6. Each county shall make such provisions as may be required by the state board of health to furnish the necessary care and treatment to all indigent * * * persons residing in the county who are afflicted with gonorrhoea or syphilis, or to any such person who may be committed to any county institution for failure to comply with this law, until such afflicted persons have passed the infectious or communicable stage of the disease.

* * * 7. The state board of health shall prepare for free distribution upon request among the citizens of the state, printed information and instructions concerning the dangers from venereal diseases, their prevention and the necessity for treatment.

8. *All reports, examinations and inspections and all records thereof made under the provisions of this section shall be confidential and shall not be open to public inspection, and no such report, examination, inspection or record or part thereof shall be divulged except as may be necessary for the preservation of the public health.*

9. *For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section for the prevention and control of venereal diseases, the state board of health may prescribe and publish reasonable rules and regulations applicable within this state; and may, with the approval of the governor, establish and proclaim a protection zone around any military cantonment or military or naval training station within this state and may make such regulations with respect to the presence and conduct of civilians within such zone as the said board finds necessary and proper.*

* * * 10. The state laboratory of hygiene located at Madison, and all branch and cooperative laboratories located in any part of the state shall make microscopical examinations for the diagnosis of gonorrhoea for any licensed physician in the state,

without charge. The psychiatric institute at Mendota shall make the necessary examinations of blood or secretions for the diagnosis of syphilis, for any licensed physician in the state, without charge.

* * * 11. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall upon conviction *thereof be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and* be punished by a fine of not more than * * * *five* hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than * * * *one year*, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 10

AN ACT to amend subsection (5) of section 697—61, subsection (4) of section 20.40 and paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 20.41 of the statutes, relating to county agricultural representatives, and making an appropriation.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection (5) of section 697—61, subsection (4) of section 20.40 and paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 20.41 of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 697—61.) (5) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1917, this work shall be organized in not to exceed twenty-eight counties of the state and for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1918, and for each year thereafter in not to exceed thirty-*three* counties of the state.

(20.40) (4) On May 1, 1917, thirty-seven thousand two hundred fifty dollars, and on July 1, 1917, fifty-one thousand dollars, and on July 1, 1918, fifty- * * * *seven* thousand dollars, to meet the appropriations from the university fund income made by paragraphs (c), (d), (e), (h), (i) and (l) of subsection (3) of section 20.41.

(20.41) (3) (e) On July 1, 1917, twenty-eight thousand dollars, and annually, beginning July 1, 1918, thirty-*three* thousand dollars for county agricultural development as provided in section 697—61.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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