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CHAPTER 250.

AN ACT to provide for a more complete registration of births.

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

SECTION 1. Amend section 1023a of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, by inserting before the word "it" in the first line thereof, the following: "it shall be the duty of every physician attending the birth of a child, to give the notice as in this section provided, and where no such physician is in attendance the midwife shall give such notice, if in attendance, and when no physician or midwife is in attendance, then," so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 1023a. It shall be the duty of every physician attending the birth of a child to give the notice as in this section provided, and where no such physician is in attendance the midwife shall give such notice, if in attendance, and where no physician or midwife is in attendance, then it shall be the duty of parents and of every householder to give notice of the birth of any child occurring in such household, within thirty days after such birth, to the health officer of the board of health existing in the city, village or town in which the birth occurs, and in case no health officer exists therein, the said notice shall be given to the city, village or town clerk; the keeper of a work-house, house of correction, prison, hospital or alms house and the master or other commanding officer of a ship, shall give like notice of every birth occurring among the persons under his charge; said notice shall give the full name of the child, if it have any, color, sex, name of other issue living, born of same parents, full name of

Duty of attending physician or midwife to report birth.

Duty of parents and others.

Notice, what to contain.

mother previous to marriage, hour, day of week, of month, and year of birth, the place, town or township and county in which born, birth-place of father and birthplace of mother. Said notices shall be made on blanks furnished by the secretary of state through the register of deeds of each county, and shall contain at the bottom a blank for the registry of any important information not already recorded, and also a space for the health officer, town or city clerk to certify that the above is a true return of said birth and of the other facts there recorded, together with the date thereof. It shall be the duty of the health officer of every board of health in this state, or in places where no board of health exists, the city, town or village clerk, to collect all of the births that occur in the city, town or village in which he is an officer, and at the end of each month to certify all such notices of birth as he may have received or collected, and forward same to the register of deeds of the county in which such births occurred.

Boards of health and clerks of municipalities to collect births.

SECTION 2. Section 1024c of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 26, 1899.