

**CHAPTER 606.**

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 36.225 of the statutes, relating to the state laboratory of hygiene.

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

36.225 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

36.225 STATE LABORATORY OF HYGIENE. (1) The state hygienic laboratory, heretofore established in connection with the university, is continued and shall be known as the state laboratory of hygiene.

(2) The state laboratory of hygiene shall undertake the examination of water supplies for domestic purposes; the examination of materials of various contagious and infectious diseases or materials from suspected cases of contagious and infectious diseases of men and animals when public health is concerned; the examination of the nature and cause of disease outbreaks throughout the state; the study of conditions relating to diseases and their dissemination; and any other problems which bear directly or indirectly upon the public health.

(3) The examination of water supplies shall include the establishment of a water survey of the state and shall comprehend not only the examination from a public health standpoint but may also include the examination of water to ascertain its suitability for manufacturing and commercial purposes as determined by the rules and regulations provided for by the state board of health.

(4) It shall be the duty of the laboratory to undertake the preparation of vaccines, antitoxins, and the production of other biological agents which may be serviceable in the treatment, control and prevention of disease.

(5) Examination of the following specimens shall be done without charge when submitted in proper containers by licensed physicians, veterinarians, health officers and health commissioners: Material collected from patients afflicted with tuberculosis or from persons suspected of being afflicted with tuberculosis; blood from suspected typhoid fever cases and other enteric infections; swabs from persons suspected of having diphtheria, septic sore throat or other communicable diseases involving the upper respiratory tract and for the release from quarantine of persons who have been afflicted with these diseases; material from men or animals suspected of suffering from rabies, anthrax and glanders; examinations pertaining to industrial health hazards and such other examinations as may be necessary for the control and prevention of those diseases which cause a public health problem.

(6) The state laboratory of hygiene shall be operated to furnish a complete laboratory service to the state board of health for the purpose of administering the rules and regulations of said board and the health laws of the state and to make available to the university of Wisconsin and the state board of health such facilities for teaching in the field of public health as may be derived from such a laboratory.

(7) For the purpose of co-ordination between the state board of health and the university board of regents and for the purpose of determining policies, an administrative committee for the state laboratory of hygiene is created to be composed of the president of the university, the dean of the medical school, the president of the state board of health, the secretary of the state board of health and the director of laboratory. The board of regents of the university, upon the recommendation of the dean of the medical school with the administrative committee approving, shall appoint the director of the laboratory and such other members of its professional staff as are required for the administration of the duties of the laboratory. The technical staff and other employes necessary to the administration of the laboratory shall be employed by the director from the eligibility rolls of the state bureau of personnel.

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