

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, CONTROL OF IN FIRST CLASS CITIES

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AN ACT

To provide for the protection of the public health, by giving and granting to those having charge of the public health and sanitation in cities of the first class of this Commonwealth full power to make rules and regulations governing the care and control of persons suffering from cholera, yellow fever, typhoid fever, typhus fever, scarlet fever, relapsing fever, small-pox, (variola or varioloid), chicken-pox, (varicella), diphtheria, diphtheritic croup, membranous croup, cerebro-spinal meningitis, measles, mumps, whooping-cough, tuberculosis (in any of its diverse forms), pneumonia, erysipelas, puerperal fever, plague (Bubonic), trachoma, leprosy, tetanus, glanders, hydrophobia (rabies) or anthrax; also, to make rules and regulations governing the sanitary control and disinfection of premises, where persons may be or have been suffering from said diseases, and of persons coming in contact therewith, and the burial of persons who may die from any of said diseases; also fixing fines and penalties for the violation thereof and the enforcement of the same.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all departments of health of the cities of the first class of this Commonwealth shall have full power, and shall make, immediately after this act shall become a law, such rules and regulations, which in their judgment may be proper and necessary, for the protection of the public health, and amend or alter the same, from the diseases known as cholera, yellow, malarial, typhoid, typhus, scarlet, puerperal and relapsing fevers, small-pox (variola or varioloid), chicken-pox (varicella), diphtheria, diphtheritic and membranous croups, cerebro-spinal meningitis, measles, mumps, whooping-cough, tuberculosis (in any of its diverse forms), pneumonia, erysipelas, plague (Bubonic), trachoma, leprosy, tetanus, glanders, hydrophobia (rabies) and anthrax.

Section 2. That said rules and regulations shall cover and include:

(a) The reports to be made by physicians or other persons, in attendance upon any person afflicted with any of the said diseases, to said health authorities.

(b) The quarantining and disinfecting of persons and premises, and the placarding of notices.

(c) The treatment or disposal of infected bedding, clothing, or other articles.

(d) The care and burial of the bodies of persons who may have died from any of the said diseases, fixing the limit of time for burial, the methods to be used, the attendance of persons, and the style of advertising the funeral.

(e) The disinfection of conveyances used in the burial of persons who may have died from said diseases, or which may have been used by a person afflicted with any of said diseases, or person who may have been in contact with the same.

(f) The admission and attendance of persons at public or private schools, hospitals and asylums, or any other public or private educational or charitable institutions, and the compulsory vaccination and revaccination of inmates thereof, and of persons attending the same, or employed therein as physicians, teachers, nurses, or in any other capacity.

Section 3. All rules and regulations and all changes and amendments, when adopted, shall be printed and distributed for public use; copies of the same shall be filed with the State Board of Health. Copies shall be prepared and furnished to every educational institution, public or private, and to every physician and undertaker, within the jurisdiction of the health authorities promulgating the same.