

enter upon and take possession of any tide lands sold under the provisions of this act, at any time when it desires, upon paying to the then owner or occupant the original purchase price of the lands together with the value of the improvements erected thereon, the then value of his artificial oyster beds and improvements erected thereon in connection with the carrying on of the raising and propagation of oysters by artificial cultivation.

SEC. 3. And there being great doubt and uncertainty in the question of obtaining title to oyster beds on tide lands, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

Passed the house February 18, 1895.

Passed the senate February 27, 1895.

Approved March 4, 1895.

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## CHAPTER XXVI.

[H. B. No. 215.]

### REQUIRING PHYSICIANS TO REPORT DEATHS.

AN ACT relating to vital statistics and amending section 2609 of volume 1 of Hill's Annotated Statutes and Codes of Washington.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. Section 2609 of volume 1 of Hill's Annotated Statutes and Codes of Washington is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 2609. It shall be the duty of all physicians in this state to register their names and post-office address with the county auditor of the county where they reside; and every physician shall, under penalty of ten dollars, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction in the state, at suit of any member of any state or local board of health, report to the county auditor on or before the 15th day of every month, all births and deaths which may come under his or her supervision during the

previous calendar month, with a certificate of the cause of death, and such correlative facts as the board may require, in the blank forms to be provided and furnished by the county auditor.

Passed the house February 14, 1895.

Passed the senate February 27, 1895.

Approved March 4, 1895.

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## CHAPTER XXVII.

[S. B. No. 312.]

### AUTHORIZING CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS TO AMEND THEIR CHARTERS.

AN ACT to authorize cities of the first class to alter, change, revise, add to or repeal their respective charters.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Commission  
to revise,  
how created.

SECTION 1. Upon the petition of one-fourth of the qualified electors, as shown by the last general city election, of any city of the first class, the city council of said city shall, and without such petition the city council in joint session may, cause an election to be held, at which election there shall be chosen by the qualified electors of said [city] fifteen freeholders thereof, who shall have been residents of said city for a period of at least two years preceding their election, and qualified electors, whose duty it shall be to commence within ten days after their election, and within sixty days thereafter prepare a new charter for said city by altering, changing, revising, adding to or repealing their existing charter, together with any amendments thereto, and file the same with the city clerk.

Majority vote  
to ratify.

SEC. 2. Such new, altered, changed and revised charter shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said city at an election to be immediately called therefor, and if a majority of such qualified electors voting thereon ratify the same, it shall become the charter of the said city, and shall become the organic law thereof and supersede any existing