

CHAPTER 180.

[H. B. 84.]

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, AND PERMITS FOR BURIAL OR REMOVAL OF CORPSES.

AN ACT relating to the system of registration and the method of reporting births and deaths, the issuance of permits for burial, removal or transportation of bodies of deceased persons, prescribing certain rules of evidence and amending sections 5424, 5425, 5426, 5427, 5429, 5430, 5432, 5436, 5439, 5440, 5441, 5442, 5443 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

Amends Rem.-Bal. §§ 5424-5427, 5429, 5430, 5432, 5436, 5439-5443.

SECTION 1. That section 5424 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Division of state into registration districts.

Section 5424. That for the purposes of this act the state shall be divided into registration districts as follows: Each city of the first, second and third class shall constitute a primary registration district, and each county, exclusive of the portion included within cities of the first, second and third class, shall be subdivided by the state registrar into districts in such manner as may appear necessary for the convenience of the people, and each such district shall constitute a primary registration district, and each primary registration district shall be numbered by the state registrar.

SEC. 2. That section 5425 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Local registrars and deputies.

Section 5425. The health officer of each city of the first, second and third class shall be the local registrar in and for such primary registration district, and shall perform all the duties of the local registrar as hereinafter provided. The state registrar shall appoint a suitable person in and for each registration district not included in the cities of the first, second or third class, who shall hold such position during the pleasure of the state registrar, and shall perform all of the duties of local registrar, as herein-

after provided. Each local registrar shall appoint in writing a deputy who shall be authorized to act in case of the absence, death, illness or disability of the local registrar, and shall certify the appointment of such deputy to the state registrar.

SEC. 3. That section 5426 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 5426. That it shall be unlawful for any person to inter, deposit in a vault, grave or tomb, cremate or otherwise dispose of, or disinter or remove from one registration district to another or hold for more than seventy-two hours after death, the body or remains of any person whose death occurs in this state or any body which shall be found in this state, without obtaining, from the local registrar of the district in which the death occurred or in which the body was found, a permit for the burial, disinterment or removal of such body: *Provided*, That any licensed embalmer of this state may temporarily remove any such body of a person dying in this state from the place where death occurred outside of the corporate limits of any city of the first, second or third class to another registration district for the purpose of preparing the same for burial without having first obtained a removal permit, but in such case the embalmer shall at the time of securing a burial, removal or transit permit for such body, filed with the registrar from whom such permit is secured, upon a blank to be furnished by the state registrar, a certificate in writing of such temporary removal, signed by the embalmer, and it shall be unlawful for any person to bring into or transport within the state or inter, deposit in a vault, grave or tomb, or cremate or otherwise dispose of the body or remains of any person whose death occurred outside this state unless such body or remains be accompanied by a removal or transit permit issued in accordance with the law and health regulations in force where the death occurred or unless a special permit for bringing such body into this state shall be obtained from the state registrar.

Burial and removal permits.

Removal for embalming.

Permits for transfer of bodies from other states.

SEC. 4. That section 5427 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Registration  
of stillborn  
children.

Section 5427. That stillborn children or those dead at birth shall be registered as births and also as deaths, and a certificate of both the birth and the death shall be filed with the local registrar, in the usual form and manner, the certificate of birth to contain, in place of the name of the child, the word "stillbirth." The medical certificate of the cause of death shall be signed by the attending physician or midwife, if any, and shall state the cause of death as "stillborn," with the cause of the stillbirth, if known, and if born prematurely, the period of uterogestation in months, if known; and a burial or removal permit in usual form shall be required: *Provided*, That a certificate of birth or death shall not be required for a stillborn child that has not advanced beyond the seventh month of uterogestation.

SEC. 5. That section 5429 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Death with-  
out medical  
attendance.

Section 5429. That in case of any death occurring without medical attendance, it shall be the duty of the undertaker, or any person acting as such, to notify the local registrar of the registration district where such death occurs, or the coroner, if in a county of the first class, of such death, and the local registrar shall at once investigate the circumstances of the case and make a certificate and return of death noting upon the certificate the fact that such death occurred without medical attendance: *Provided*, If the local registrar is not a qualified physician and the cause of death is obscure or uncertain, the local registrar shall refer the case to the health officer having jurisdiction over the locality where the death occurred, for certification: *And provided, further*, That if the circumstances of the case render it probable that the death was caused by unlawful means, the local registrar shall refer the case to the coroner, if the death occurred in a county of the

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tification.

first class, or to the prosecuting attorney, if the death occurred in any county other than a county of the first class, for certification.

SEC. 6. That section 5430 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 5430. That it shall be the duty of every undertaker or person acting as undertaker, to obtain a certificate of death and file the same with the local registrar, and secure a burial or removal permit, prior to any permanent disposition of the body. He shall obtain the personal and statistical particulars required, from the person best qualified to supply them, over the signature and address of such person or state over his own signature that after careful inquiry he could not obtain such particulars. In case such deceased be a stranger whose identity cannot be determined it shall be the duty of the undertaker having such body in charge to have a photograph taken of such deceased and a copy of such photograph shall be filed with the secretary of the state board of health. He shall then present the certificate to the attending physician, if any, or in case the death occurred without any medical attendance, to the proper official for certification as hereinabove provided, for the medical certificate of the cause of death and other particulars necessary to complete the record as hereinabove provided. And he shall state the facts required relative to the date and place of burial, over his signature and with his address, and present the completed certificate to the local registrar, for the issuance of a burial or removal permit. The undertaker shall deliver the burial permit to the sexton, or person in charge of the place of burial, before interring the body; or shall attach the transit permit containing the local registrar's removal permit, to the box containing the corpse, when shipped by any transportation company, and said permit shall accompany the corpse to its destination, provided that when a body is removed from one registration district in Washington to another for interment, cremation or other

Burial and  
removal  
permits.

Certificate  
of death.

Transit  
permits.

Record of  
casket sales.

permanent disposition not requiring the use of a common carrier or the issuance of a transit permit, the registrar's removal permit from the district where the death occurred may be accepted as authority for burial in the other district. It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation selling a casket to keep a record showing the name and post office address of the purchaser, the name of the deceased and the date and place of death of the deceased, which record shall be open to inspection of the state registrar at all times, and it shall be the duty of every person, firm, or corporation selling caskets to, on the first day of each month, report to the state registrar each sale for the preceding month, on a blank provided for that purpose: *Provided, however,* That no person, firm, or corporation selling caskets to dealers or undertakers only shall be required to keep such record. It shall be the duty of every person, firm, or corporation selling a casket at retail, and not having charge of the disposition of the body, to inclose within the casket a notice furnished by the state registrar calling attention to the requirements of the law, a blank certificate of death, and a copy of the rules and regulations of the state board of health concerning the burial or other disposition of dead bodies.

SEC. 7. That section 5432 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Burials with-  
out permits  
unlawful.

Section 5432. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of any premises in which bodies of deceased persons are interred, cremated or otherwise permanently disposed of, to permit the interment, cremation or other disposition of any body upon such premises unless it is accompanied by a burial, removal or transit permit as hereinabove provided. It shall be the duty of the person in charge of any such premises to, in case of the interment, cremation or other disposition of a body therein, endorse upon the permit the date and character of such disposition, over his signature, to return all permits so endorsed to the local registrar of his district within ten days from the date of

Indorsement  
and return  
of permit.

such disposition, and to keep a record of all bodies disposed of on the premises under his charge, stating, in each case, the name of the deceased person, if known, the place of death, the date of burial or other disposition, and the name and address of the undertaker, which record shall at all times be open to public inspection, and it shall be the duty of every undertaker, or person acting as such, when burying a body in a cemetery or burial grounds having no person in charge, to sign the burial, removal or transit permit, giving the date of burial, write across the face of the permit the words "no person in charge," and file the burial, removal or transit permit within ten days with the registrar of the district in which the cemetery is located.

SEC. 8. That section 5436 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 5436. It shall be the duty of every local registrar when any certificate of birth of a living child is presented without statement of the given name, to make out and deliver to the parents of such child a special blank for the supplemental report of the given name of the child, which shall be filled out as directed and returned to the registrar as soon as the child has been named.

Names of  
children  
born.

SEC. 9. That section 5439 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 5439. That the state registrar shall prepare, print and supply to all registrars all blanks and forms used in registering, recording and preserving the returns, or in otherwise carrying out the purposes of this act; and shall prepare and issue such detailed instructions as may be required to secure the uniform observance of its provisions and the maintenance of a perfect system of registration. And no other blanks shall be used than those supplied by the state registrar. He shall carefully examine the certificates received monthly from the local registrars,

Duties of  
state  
registrar in  
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and if any such are incomplete or unsatisfactory, he shall require such further information to be furnished as may be necessary to make the record complete and satisfactory, and shall cause such further information to be attached to and filed with the certificate. He shall furnish, arrange, bind and permanently preserve the certificates in a systematic manner, and shall prepare and maintain a comprehensive and continuous card index of all births and deaths registered; the cards to show the name of the child or deceased, place and date of birth or death, number of certificate, and the volume in which it is contained. He shall inform all local registrars of the diseases which are to be considered as infectious to the public health, as decided by the state board of health, in order that, when death occurs from such diseases, proper precautions may be taken to prevent the spreading of dangerous diseases. If any cemetery company or association, or any church or historical society or association, or any other company, society, or association, or any individual, is in possession of any record of births or deaths which may be of value in establishing the genealogy of any resident of this state, such company, society, association, or individual may file such record or a duly authenticated transcript thereof with the state registrar, and it shall be the duty of the state registrar to preserve such record or transcript and to make a record and index thereof in such form as to facilitate the finding of any information contained therein. Such record and index shall be open to inspection by the public, subject to such reasonable conditions as the state registrar may prescribe. If any person desires a transcript of any record filed in accordance herewith, the state registrar shall furnish the same upon application, together with a certificate that it is a true copy of such record, as filed in his office, and for his services in so furnishing such transcript and certificate he shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents per hour or fraction of an hour necessarily consumed in making such transcript, which fee shall be paid by the applicant.

SEC. 10. That section 5441 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 5441. That each local registrar shall be paid the sum of twenty-five cents for each birth or death certificate properly and completely made out and registered with him and by him returned to the state registrar on or before the 10th day of the following month, which sum shall cover and include the making out of the burial permit and copy of the certificate to be filed and preserved in his office. And in case no births or deaths were registered during any month, the local registrar shall be paid the sum of twenty-five cents for each report to that effect, properly made out in accordance with the directions of the state registrar: *Provided*, That all local registrars who receive regular compensation as health officers shall not be entitled to the fee of twenty-five cents, above mentioned, but the duties of the local registrar shall be considered as a part of their duty as local health officer. All fees payable to local registrars under the provisions of this act shall be paid by the treasurer of the county, or city, as the case may be, properly chargeable therewith, out of the funds of such county or city, upon warrants drawn by the auditor, or other proper officer of such county or city. No warrant shall be issued to any local registrar except upon a certificate, signed and verified under oath by the state registrar, stating the names and post office address respectively of the local registrars entitled to fees from such county or city, and the number of certificates and reports of births or deaths, properly returned to the state registrar, by each such local registrar, during the three preceding calendar months prior to the date of such certificate, and the amount of fees to which each local registrar is entitled, which certificate the state registrar shall file with the proper officers during the months of January, April, July and October of each year. Upon the filing of such certificates, it shall be the duty of the auditor or other proper officer of the county or city to issue warrants for the

Compensation  
of local  
registrars.

How paid.



amount due each local registrar and mail the same to the local registrars at their respective post office addresses, as given in such certificate of the state registrar.

SEC. 11. That section 5442 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 5442. It shall be the duty of the state registrar to, upon request, furnish any applicant with a certified copy of the record of any birth or death, registered under the provisions of this act, for the making and certification of which he shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents to be paid by the applicant. For any search of the files and the records when no certified copy is made, the state registrar shall be entitled to a fee of fifty cents for each hour or fractional part of an hour employed in such search, to be paid by the applicant. But the state registrar and all local registrars shall furnish upon application certificates of the age of children to be used in attending the public schools or in obtaining employment permits without fee or compensation. The state registrar shall keep a true and correct account of all fees received by him under the provisions of this act, and turn the same over to the state treasurer on the first day of January, April, July and October. Local registrars in cities of the first, second and third class shall be entitled to charge for certified copies of records of births and deaths and for searching of records when no certified copy is made, the same fee as hereinabove provided for the state registrar, but such fees, if any collected, shall be paid into the treasury of the city where collected.

SEC. 12. That section 5443 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 5443. Every person who shall violate or wilfully fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provisions of this act shall be guilty of [a.] misdemeanor and for a second offense shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars, and for a third and each subsequent

Certified  
copies of  
records and  
searches.

Fees.

Violations  
of act.

offense shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars or more than two hundred and fifty dollars or by imprisonment for not more than ninety days, or by both fine and imprisonment, and every person who shall wilfully furnish any false information for any certificate required by this act or who shall make any false statement in any such certificate shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. Penalties.

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Approved by the Governor March 19, 1915.

## CHAPTER 181.

[S. B. 367.]

### PICKETING OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND HOMES PROHIBITED.

AN ACT defining picketing, prohibiting the same, and providing  
a penalty for the violation thereof.

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

SECTION 1. Whoever shall, for the purpose of carrying on, calling attention to, or advertising, directly or indirectly, any controversy, disagreement or dispute between any labor union or organization, or member or members thereof, and any person engaged in any lawful business, or his employe, or for the purpose of hindering or preventing such person from conducting his business in any lawful way, or employing or retaining in his employ any person who may lawfully engage in such business. "Picketing" defined.

(1) Stand or continuously move back and forth, on the sidewalk, street, public place or private property, in front of or within five hundred feet of, any place in which any lawful business is conducted by such other person, or home or place of abode of such other person or his employe, or

(2) Openly maintain, carry or transport on any sidewalk, street, public place or private property, any banner, sign, transparency, writing or printing, or