

CHAPTER 85.

[H. B. 92.]

AMENDING ACT FOR THE PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD
OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

AN ACT to amend sections 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 of an act entitled "An act for the prevention of the spread of contagious diseases; defining the methods and fixing the penalty for the violation and repealing sections in conflict with this act," approved March 12, 1903, and adding section 1½ to said act.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1 of an act entitled "An Act for the prevention of the spread of contagious diseases; defining the methods and fixing the penalty for the violation and repealing sections in conflict with this act," approved March 12, 1903, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 1. The board of county commissioners of each and every county in this State shall be constituted a county board of health for such county, and said county board of health's jurisdiction shall be co-extensive with the boundaries of said county, except that nothing herein contained shall give said board jurisdiction in cities of the first class. The chairman of the board of county commissioners shall be the president of the county board of health, and the county auditor shall be the clerk thereof. They shall on or before July 1st, next following each general election, appoint a legally qualified physician county health officer whose term of office shall be for two years from July 1st, next following each general election and shall fix his compensation.

The county health officer shall be *ex-officio* member of the county board of health and shall be the executive officer thereof and may be county physician. The county board of health may appoint as many sanitary officers as they deem necessary and fix the compensation of all appointees, who shall serve during the pleasure of the board. In case of refusal or neglect of any county board of health to appoint a county health officer for 30 days after July 1st, next following any general election, or if a vacancy shall exist in the office of county health officer for a period

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exceeding 30 days, the State Board of Health may make such appointment for such county for that term and fix the compensation and a health officer so appointed shall have the same duty, power and authority as though appointed by the county board of health. The county board of health shall be subject to the supervision of the State Board of Health and shall make such reports to the State Board of Health as the State Board may require.

SEC. 2. That section 1½ is hereby added to said act to read as follows: Sec. 1½. The mayor of every incorporated city and town except cities of the first class, shall each year appoint a legally qualified physician city health officer whose compensation shall be fixed by the city council and whose term of office shall be until January 31st of the year following that in which he is appointed or until his successor is appointed and qualified: *Provided*, That in cities of the second class having a board of health the board of health shall appoint the health officer: *Provided further*, That health officers of cities of the third class elected at the last city election shall hold such office until the expiration of the term for which they were elected.

City health officers.

SEC. 3. That section 3 of said act be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 3. The county health officer shall have supervision over all matters pertaining to the preservation of life and health of the people of his jurisdiction, subject to the supervision and control of the State Board of Health. He shall have authority to order the abatement or removal of any nuisance detrimental to the public health and if such nuisance is not properly abated or removed to cause its removal or abatement at the expense of the owners of the property on which the nuisance is maintained. Said expenses, if not promptly paid, to be collected, with costs, by due process of law. He shall cause proper measures, in accordance with the rules and regulations and orders of the State Board of Health, to be taken to prevent, suppress or control any dangerous contagious or infectious disease that may occur within the county. All city health officers except those of cities of the first class shall report immediately to the

Powers and duties of health officers.

State Board of Health every new outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease and shall make weekly reports to the county health officer of all contagious or infectious diseases occurring within the city.

It shall be the duty of all health officers, upon the appearance of any dangerous contagious or infectious diseases within their jurisdiction, immediately to investigate all circumstances concerning such diseases, and to make a full report thereof as required above and at all times, promptly, to take such measures for the prevention, suppression and control of such diseases as may be needful and proper. Every health officer shall have the power to remove to and restrain in a pest house or isolation hospital, or to quarantine or isolate, any person sick with any dangerous contagious or infectious disease until such sick person shall have thoroughly recovered and been disinfected: *Provided*, That no person shall be removed to or restrained in a pesthouse or isolation hospital until such person has been examined by the health officer or a medical deputy. He shall also quarantine, isolate, restrain, vaccinate or disinfect any person or persons exposed to any dangerous contagious or infectious disease in such manner and for such time as he may deem best or the State Board of Health may direct. He shall disinfect any room or house or building and the contents thereof or any clothing, bedding, furniture or other articles that may be infected, in such a manner that the danger of conveying any disease by such means shall be destroyed.

Physicians shall report diseases.

SEC. 4. That section 4 of said act be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 4. Whenever any physician shall attend any person sick with any dangerous contagious or infectious disease, or with any diseases, required by the State Board of Health to be reported, he shall, within twenty-four hours, give notice thereof to the health officer within whose jurisdiction such sick person may then be.

Penalties.

SEC. 5. That section 7 of said act be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 7. Any health officer who shall refuse or neglect to obey or enforce the provisions of this act or the rules or regulations or orders

of the State Board of Health or who shall refuse or neglect to make prompt and accurate reports to the county health officer or to the State Board of Health may be removed as health officer, by the State Board of Health and shall not again be reappointed except with the consent of the State Board of Health.

Any member of a city or county board of health who shall violate any of the provisions of this act or refuse or neglect to obey or enforce any of the rules, regulations or orders of the State or county boards of health made for the prevention, suppression or control of any dangerous contagious or infectious disease or for the protection of the health of the people of this State, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$200.00. Any physician who shall refuse or neglect to report to the proper health officer within 12 hours after first attending any case of contagious or infectious disease or any diseases required by the State Board of Health to be reported or any case suspicious of being one of such diseases, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$200.00 for each case that is not reported.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this act or violating or refusing or neglecting to obey any of the rules and regulations or orders made for the prevention, suppression and control of dangerous contagious and infectious diseases by the county board of health or health officer or State Board of Health, or who shall leave any pest house or isolation hospital or quarantined house or place without the consent of the proper health officer or who evades or breaks quarantine or conceals a case of contagious or infectious disease or assists in evading or breaking any quarantine or concealing any case of contagious or infectious disease, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00 or to imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed ninety days or to both fine and imprisonment.

Expenses—
how paid.

SEC. 6. That section 8 of said act be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Sec. 8. All expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act, or any of them, shall be paid by the county or city by which or in behalf of which such expenses shall have been incurred.

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Approved by the Governor March 7th, 1907.

CHAPTER 86.

[H. B. 133.]

SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF STREET RAILWAY LINES BY CITIES.

AN ACT authorizing cities and towns owning any street railway line or plant to sell and convey the same, and ratifying and validating all such sales and conveyances heretofore made, and declaring an emergency.

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

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thorized.

SECTION 1. It is and shall be lawful for any city or town in this State to sell and convey any line or lines of street railway, or street railway plant or plants, with the equipment and appurtenances, of which any such city or town may be the owner, in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

Submission
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SEC. 2. Whenever the council of such city or town shall deem it advisable to sell any such line or lines of street railway, or street railway plant or plants, with the equipment and appurtenances, such council shall, by ordinance, submit to the qualified electors of such city or town at any general or special city election the question whether such line or lines of street railway, or street railway plant or plants, with the equipment and appurtenances, shall be sold or not upon the terms and conditions to be specified in such ordinance; and if at such election three-fifths of said electors voting upon said question shall vote in the affirmative, it is and shall be lawful for such council to provide for the sale of, and to sell and cause to be con-