

shall certify to each local registrar quarterly, or oftener, if it shall be considered expedient, the number of properly executed certificates of births and deaths received from such local registrar for the year or portion of year included; provided that cities having a population of five thousand inhabitants or over shall have power to fix the compensation of local registrars for the duties required by this article.

1898, ch. 312, sec. 6 L.

17. The State registrar shall receive the certificates returned under this sub-title, permanently bind and preserve them, make indexes thereto, and issue certified statements of the facts relating to any birth or death. For each such certified statement he shall receive a fee of twenty-five cents, together with a payment for the time of search, if over half an hour, at the rate of fifty cents an hour, to be paid by the person asking such certified statement.

Ibid. sec. 6 M.

18. Any physician or mid-wife, coroner or undertaker, whose duty it is, who fails to report a birth as provided by section 13, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars, or be imprisoned, not less than thirty days, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the court. Any undertaker, express agent, railroad official or employe, or other person controlling, directing or in charge of the interment, entombment, removal or other disposition of the body of a deceased person before the record shall be made as required by section 9 shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than five hundred dollars, or to be imprisoned not to exceed thirty days, or to both fine and imprisonment. Any physician who shall refuse or fail to make a proper and correct certificate of the cause of death of any person upon whom he or she was the last medical attendant, to the best of his knowledge or belief, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, or to be imprisoned not to exceed thirty days, or to both fine and imprisonment. Any registrar who shall, without justifiable cause, neglect or refuse to perform any of the duties enjoined on him by this sub-title, or who shall communicate to any person not authorized to receive the same, any of the personal or statistical facts recorded on his register, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding three hundred dollars.