

1898, ch. 436, sec. 34 D.

53. When any board of health has had notice of the occurrence within its sanitary jurisdiction of a case of small-pox or any other contagious or infectious disease dangerous to public health, such board of health shall, within twenty-four hours after the receipt of such notice, notify the State board of health of the same.

Ibid sec. 34 E.

54. All questions of doubt concerning the cause or nature of any sickness believed or suspected to be of an infectious or contagious character shall be referred to the State board of health; and the said board shall be authorized to employ a competent bacteriologist to conduct inquiries into the nature, source and vehicles of infectious disease. The services of the bacteriologist of the State board of health shall be free to all local boards of health and to all practising physicians in the State for such inquiries concerning infectious and contagious diseases as the said board may from time to time direct, and to the State vaccine agent for testing vaccine virus; and the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars annually, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be paid by the treasurer of the State upon the warrant of the comptroller at such times and in such sums as may be authorized by the State board of health, upon presentation of the proper vouchers for expenses.

Ibid. sec. 34 F.

55. Every person not a legally qualified physician, practising as midwife or acting as attendant upon woman in childbed in this State, who shall find any lying-in woman to have fever shall forthwith notify the health officer of the district, and shall refrain from attendance upon any other parturient woman, or woman in childbed, until the local health officer shall give her written permission to resume such practice. Every midwife, obstetrical nurse or other person, not a legally qualified physician, attending for pay or hire, upon any lying-in-woman, or woman in child-bed, shall send his or her name and address to be registered in the office of the registrar of vital statistics for the city, town or county in which he or she resides. And every person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisoned not exceeding six months, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the court.