

relocation or abandonment of the cemetery, one application shall be sufficient for such purpose.

24.

(a) The copies of birth and death records transmitted to the [local] health officers as provided by the [State Board] SECRETARY of Health and Mental Hygiene shall be preserved by them and shall be open to inspection for proper purposes by city, town or county officials and by the [State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene or its] SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S accredited representatives, provided that such examination shall be made in such a way that the contents of the registers shall not be subjected to risk of damage or alteration. Copies of death records shall be preserved for a period of three years. Any death records older than three years may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the [local] health officer.

(b) The [local] health officer shall promptly inquire into the facts when any omissions or discrepancies in the personal or medical facts in the vital records are called to his attention; he shall truly ascertain such missing facts of record and make a certified statement thereof to the [State Board] SECRETARY of Health and Mental Hygiene. The [local] health officer shall further inquire into and investigate violations or suspected violations of this subtitle and shall furnish to the [State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene] SECRETARY full data and information regarding the same.

(c) When a birth, death or fetal death record is corrected by the [State Board] SECRETARY of Health and Mental Hygiene, a notice of such correction shall be sent to the appropriate [local] health officer. He shall enter the correction in red ink upon his record. In any question arising from discrepancy between the record of the [State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene] SECRETARY and the record of the [local] health officer, the record of the [State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene] SECRETARY shall be considered correct.

31.

It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Health to recommend to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for adoption and to enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary to prevent the introduction of any infectious or contagious disease into this State, or to prevent the spread of any infectious or contagious disease whether or not such disease shall exist within this State at the time of the passage of this act, and any person or persons or corporations refusing or neglecting to obey such rules and regulations, upon promulgation thereof by the Secretary, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars for every such offense. Whenever necessary, the Secretary