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BOARD OF HEALTH,
32 Pemberton Square,
Boston, April 17th, 1883.

To UNDERTAKERS:—

The following Statute Law and the Regulation of the Board of Health is published for the information of Undertakers and others having charge of the burial of bodies:

CHAPTER 124, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, IN THE YEAR 1883.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE REMOVAL AND TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN BODIES FOR BURIAL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section Five of Chapter 32 of the Public Statutes relating to the burial or removal of bodies for burial, is amended by inserting in the eleventh line thereof, after the word "bury" the words "or remove."

SECT. 2. No railroad corporation, or other common carrier or person, shall convey or cause to be conveyed, through or from any city or town in this commonwealth, the remains of any person who has died of smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria or typhoid fever, until such body has been so encased and prepared as to preclude any danger of communicating the disease to others by its transportation, and no local registrar or clerk shall give a permit for the removal of such body until he has received from the Board of Health of the city, or the selectmen of the town where the death occurred, a certificate, stating the cause of death, and that said body has been prepared in the manner set forth in this section, which certificate shall be delivered to the agent or person who receives the body.

SECT. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

REGULATION.

IN BOARD OF HEALTH, Boston, April 17th, 1883.

In pursuance of the above law, the Board of Health makes the following regulation:

Ordered, That the bodies of all persons dying from the diseases named in Chapter 124 of the Acts of 1883, to wit: "smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or typhoid fever," or typhus fever must immediately be prepared for the coffin, wrapped in a sheet saturated in a 10 per cent. solution of chloride of zinc and placed in a coffin, which must be made absolutely tight, and which must not be reopened.

INSTRUCTIONS.—It will be necessary for Undertakers to first comply with the above Law and Regulation, and then certify the same to this Board. The Board of Health will thereupon issue the required certificate.

Blanks for the Undertakers' use will be furnished at this office.

By order of the Board of Health,

SAMUEL H. DURGIN, M. D.,

Chairman.

