

CHAPTER 94.

House Bill No. 66.

HEALTH BOARD—POWERS OF—AUDITING ACCOUNTS OF.

AN ACT relating to the duties of the State Board of Health, fixing their compensation and authorizing Boards of County Commissioners to audit accounts for medical attention.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

BOARD OF HEALTH—COMPENSATION.

Section 1. The members of the State Board of Health shall receive an annual salary of two hundred dollars each to be paid in quarterly installments and in addition shall receive their actual and necessary traveling expenses, evidenced by receipted vouchers to be filed with their account.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Health, upon petition of at least twenty tax payers in any community, to visit as a board or send a competent representative to any incorporated city or town in this State for the purpose of inspecting and thoroughly investigating the sanitary condition of such city or town and the Board shall have the power and it shall be the duty of the Board to condemn, in any such city

or town, any buildings, sewers, water connections, or other things, that in their judgment are in such condition as is likely to produce or cause the spread of epidemic diseases. And the Board shall give notice to the Mayor and Council of such city or town to repair, remove, cleanse or remedy such defect or defects, within ten days, and if the same shall not be done within the time specified in said notice, as directed by the Board of Health, it shall be the duty of the said Board to have same done; and the Board is authorized to employ sufficient labor and furnish all necessary materials for the performance of such work, and it shall be the duty of the Board, upon the completion of such work, to issue certificates to the person or persons performing such work and furnishing material therefor, and to file a report of the expense incurred in the performance of such work with the Clerk of said city or town; and it shall be the duty of the Council of such city or town where such work has been performed, to issue warrant or warrants to the proper parties for the payment of all such expense. Said warrant or warrants to be paid by the Treasurer of such city or town as other warrants are paid.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL AUDIT CLAIMS FOR MEDICAL SERVICE.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Boards of County Commissioners or the respective counties of the State to audit all claims for medical service performed under the requirements of the Board of Health law, such accounts before being presented for audit and payment shall have the approval of the Secretary of the State Board of Health; Provided, however, that such approval shall not restrict the Board of Commissioners from disallowing any portion of the account.

COUNTIES NOT LIABLE EXCEPT FOR CARE OF INDIGENT PERSONS.

Sec. 4. The respective counties of the State shall not be liable for the payment of any claim for service rendered by any physician in the treatment of contagious diseases, or for the quarantine, or disinfection of premises incident thereto unless ordered by the health officer at the expense of the county or unless such treatment shall be for the care of indigent persons, and before any such claim shall be allowed by the Board of County Commissioners, the person or persons receiving such treatment, or their legal representatives, shall subscribe to an affidavit that he or they have no property or income to meet such expense, that such person or persons are indigent and unable to pay for such treatment, quarantine or disinfection, thereby placing said claimant or claimants upon the county as a public charge.

CLAIMS FOR MEDICAL SERVICE LIEN AGAINST PROPERTY OR INCOME OF PERSONS TREATED.

Sec. 5. Claims for such service in the treatment and quarantine of contagious diseases, and the disinfection incident thereto, when approved by the proper officers of the State Board of Health, shall be a lien against the property or income, or both, of any and all persons subject to quarantine regulations and may be recovered with costs in the same manner as is provided by law for the collection of accounts.

SECRETARY OF BOARD—AUTHORITY IN EMERGENCIES.

Sec. 6. In case of emergencies when the Board is not in session, the Secretary as the executive member of the Board, shall have full authority to act for and on behalf of the Board in carrying out and enforcing all rules and regulations of the Board, and in directing the various county health officers, and in co-operating with said county health officers in en-

forcing the law, rules and regulations of the Board in their respective counties. And at each regular meeting of the State Board of Health the Secretary shall make a full and complete report to the Board for its approval.

Sec. 7. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 23d, 1903.