

questioned by any person negotiating for the hire of such house or part of a house or room as to the fact of there being, or within six weeks previously having been therein, any person suffering from any dangerous infectious disorder, knowingly makes a false answer to such questions shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve months.

1882, ch. 155, sec. 8.

**22.** When the body of any one who has died of any infectious disease is retained in a room in which persons live or sleep, or any dead body which is in such a state as to endanger the health of the inmates of the same house or room, any health officer or justice of the peace may, on a certificate signed by a qualified medical practitioner, or the application of three persons living in the neighborhood, order the body to be removed and buried at the cost of the city, town or county, within a time to be limited by such order; and unless the friends or relatives of the deceased undertake to bury the body within the time so limited, and do bury the same, it shall be the duty of the said health officer or justice of the peace to have such body buried at the expense of the city, town or county; and any person or persons obstructing the execution of any order made by any health officer or justice of the peace under this section, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Ibid sec. 9.

**23.** The municipal or county authorities may provide for the use of the inhabitants of their respective city, town or county, hospitals or temporary places for the reception of the sick; and for that purpose may themselves build such hospitals or places of reception, or contract for the use of any such hospital or part of a hospital or place of reception, or enter into any agreement with any person having the management of any hospital, for the reception of the sick inhabitants of their city, town or county, on payment of such sum as may be agreed on; or two or more local authorities may combine in providing a common hospital.