

No. 317

## AN ACT

To amend sections one, two, three and five of the act, approved the fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws \*443), entitled "An act for the prevention of blindness, by requiring the reporting of cases of ophthalmia neonatorum (inflammation of the eyes of infants) by physicians, midwives and others, and requiring the reporting of results of treatment of each case of said disease, and fixing a penalty for violation thereof," by adding county departments of health or joint-county departments of health to the health authorities to which cases of ophthalmia neonatorum must be reported.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section one of the act, approved the fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen (Pamphlet Laws 443), entitled "An act for the prevention of blindness, by requiring the reporting of cases of ophthalmia neonatorum (inflammation of the eyes of infants) by physicians, midwives and others, and requiring the reporting of results of treatment of each case of said disease, and fixing a penalty for violation thereof," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That every physician practicing in any portion of this Commonwealth who shall treat or examine any infant suffering from ophthalmia neonatorum (inflammation of the eyes of infants) shall, if the said case be located in a *political subdivision under the jurisdiction of a county department of health or joint-county department of health, or in a township of the first class, a borough, or a city not under the jurisdiction of any county department of health or joint-county department of health*, forthwith make a report in writing to *said county department of health or joint-county department of health, or to the health authorities of said township, city, or borough*; and, if said case shall be located in a [township of the second class, or a] city, borough, or township [of the first class], not having a board of health, or body acting as such, *and not under the jurisdiction of a county department of health or joint-county department of health*, to the State Department of Health, upon blanks supplied for that purpose; in which report he shall, under his or her own signature, state the name of the disease, and the name, age, sex, color, \*\*and nativity of the infant suffering therefrom, together with the street and house number of the premises in which said infant may be located, or otherwise sufficiently designate the same, the date of the onset of the disease, the name and

Public health and safety.

Section 1, act of June 5, 1913, P. L. 443, amended.

Reporting of cases of inflammation of the eyes of infants by physicians, midwives and others to proper health authorities required.

\* "443" in original.

\*\* "or" in original.

occupation of the householder in whose family the disease may have occurred; together with such other information relating to said case as may be required by said health authorities and the State Department of Health.

Sections 2 and 3, said act, as last amended by act of June 15, 1939, P. L. 363, further amended.

Section 2. Sections two and three of the said act, as last amended by the act, approved the fifteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 363), are hereby further amended to read as follows:

Report of midwife, nurse, et al.

Section 2. That any midwife, or nurse, or other person having the care of an infant, whose eyes have become inflamed or swollen or redened at any time within two weeks after birth, shall report the same, in writing, to the *county department of health or joint-county department of health or, in counties where departments of health have not been established, to the county medical director for the State Department of Health*, within six hours after the discovery thereof, giving the name of the infant, the names of the parents or guardians, and the street and number of their residence, or otherwise sufficiently designate the same; together with the fact that such inflammation or swelling or redness exists, and such report shall be confirmed in writing and a copy thereof sent to the family physician, or if the family does not employ a physician, to some regularly qualified practicing physician of the district.

Duty of health authorities.

Section 3. That it shall be the duty of the said *county department of health or joint-county department of health, or county medical director for the State Department of Health*, immediately upon \* receipt of a written report from a midwife or a nurse, or person other than a practicing physician, to notify the parents or guardian, or other person having charge of the infant, of the danger to the eyes or eye of said infant by reason of any neglect of proper treatment of the same.

*A licensed physician designated by the county department of health or joint-county department of health or [The] the county medical director for the State Department of Health shall investigate the condition personally, and shall make, subject to the consent of the parent or guardian of the child, arrangements for adequate medical and skilled nursing care. He shall, within four days, forward on a special blank in duplicate to the State Department of Health such information as may be required.*

Section 5, said act, amended.

Section 3. Section five of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Copies of act to be distributed.

Section 5. Every health officer shall furnish a copy of this act to every person who is known to him to act as

\* "a" deleted from original.

a midwife or nurse in the city, borough, [or] township, or county for which he is health officer; and the [Commissioner] *Secretary* of Health of this Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall cause a sufficient number of copies of this act to be printed and supplied to the health officers.

Section 4. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

**Act effective immediately.**

APPROVED—The 24th day of August, A. D. 1951.

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No. 318

AN ACT

To further amend section fifteen of the act, approved the nineteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 589), entitled, as amended, "An act to promote the public health and safety, by providing for the examination and licensure of those who desire to engage in the occupation of barbering; regulating barber shops and barber schools, and apprentices and students therein; regulating compensation for service rendered; conferring certain powers and duties on the Department of Public Instruction; and providing penalties," by adding counties which have established a county department of health or joint-county department of health to the political subdivisions empowered to regulate barber shops by ordinances or regulation not inconsistent with law.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section fifteen of the act, approved the nineteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one (Pamphlet Laws 589), entitled, as amended, "An act to promote the public health and safety, by providing for the examination and licensure of those who desire to engage in the occupation of barbering; regulating barber shops and barber schools, and apprentices and students therein; regulating compensation for service rendered; conferring certain powers and duties on the Department of Public Instruction; and providing penalties," as last amended in part by the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 862), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 15. Any barber, teacher, apprentice or student, who shall practice the occupation of barber while suffering from contagious or infectious disease, or who shall knowingly serve any person afflicted with such disease, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or undergo an imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

**Barbers.**

Section 15, act of June 19, 1931, P. L. 589, as last amended in part by act of May 2, 1949, P. L. 862, further amended.

**Penalty for practicing occupation of barber while suffering from contagious or infectious disease, etc.**