

and cause to be published, all necessary rules and regulations for carrying into effect the powers and functions with which it is invested by law, and the power and authority relating to the public health conferred on townships. Such rules and regulations, when approved by the township commissioners, and when advertised in the same manner as other ordinances, shall have the force of ordinances of the township. All penalties or punishments prescribed for the violation thereof, as well as the expenses actually and necessarily incurred in carrying such rules and regulations into effect, shall be recoverable, for the use of the township, in the same manner as penalties for violation of the ordinances of the township, and subject to the like limitations as to the amount thereof.

Section 1607. Entry of Premises.—The board of health shall have the power, as a body or by committee, as well as the health officer, together with their assistants, subordinates, and workmen, under and by order of the said board, to enter at any time upon any premises in the township upon which there is suspected to be any infectious or contagious disease, or nuisance detrimental to the public health, for the purpose of examining and abating the same, and for any other purpose arising in connection with or in the performance of their duties.

Section 1608. Inspections.—The board of health may inspect house drains, waste and soil pipes, cesspools, waterclosets, slaughterhouses, hogpens, stables, stable yards, and any conditions or places whatsoever, in the township, which may constitute a nuisance or a menace to public health. Whenever any condition or place in the township is found by it to be a nuisance or a menace to the health of the people of the township, it shall issue a written order of abatement, directed to the owner, or agent of the owner of the premises, or to the occupant thereof, stating that the conditions specified therein constitute a nuisance or a menace to health, and ordering an abatement thereof within such time as may be specified by it in such order. In case such order of abatement is not obeyed within the time specified therein, it shall thereupon issue a further written order to the health officer, directing him to remove or abate the same, which order shall be executed by him and his subordinates and workmen, and the expense thereof shall be recoverable from the owner of the premises upon or from which the nuisance or menace to health is abated or removed, in the same manner as debts of like character are now collected by law; or the said board of health may proceed to enforce such other remedy or inflict such penalty as may, by ordinance of the township, be provided.

Section 1609. Budget; Appropriations.—It shall be

the duty of the board of health or appointed health officer or officers to submit annually, to the township commissioners, before the commencement of the fiscal year, an estimate of the probable expenditures of the board during the ensuing year; and the township commissioners shall then proceed to make such appropriations as may be deemed necessary; and the said board of health, health officer or officers, shall, in the month of January of each year, submit a report, in writing, to the township commissioners, of its appropriation and expenditures for the preceding year, together with such other information on subjects relative to the sanitary conditions or requirements of the township as may be necessary, and council or township commissioners shall publish the same in their official journal.

Section 1610. Cooperation in Health Work.—Any township may cooperate with the county, or with any city, borough, township or school district, as well as with the State Department of Health, in the administration and enforcement of health laws.

Section 1611. Powers of Secretary of Health.—Whenever, in the opinion of the Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth, conditions found by him to exist in any township shall constitute a menace to the lives and health of people living outside the corporate limits of such township, or if it be known to him that any township is without an existing or efficient board of health, or health officer or officers, the Secretary of Health may enter, and take full charge of, and administer the health laws, regulations, and ordinances in such township, and may continue in charge thereof until he shall decide that a competent and efficient board of health, or health officer or officers, has been appointed and qualified for such township, and is ready, able and willing to assume and carry into effect the duties imposed upon it by law.

Section 1612. Expenses Incurred by Board or Secretary of Health.—All expenses incurred by any local board of health, its officers or employes, in the performance of the duties imposed upon it by law, and all expenses incurred by the Secretary of Health in accordance with the provisions of the preceding section, shall be paid by the township wherein such duties are performed, in the same manner as other expenses of such township are paid.

Section 1613. Suits by State Secretary of Health to Recover Expenses.—Whenever expenses incurred by the State Secretary of Health in the administration of health laws in any township, in accordance with the provisions of this act, shall remain unpaid by said township for a period of more than three months after a statement of such expense has been rendered by him to such township, and demand for payment by him