

Repealed by Ord. 15 of 1924

CHAPTER 97.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFICATION.

[No. XXVI of 1902.]

[16th August, 1902.]

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Infectious Diseases Notification Ordinance. Short title.

2.—(1) Where an inmate of a building used for human habitation is suffering from cholera, yellow fever, or small-pox (hereinafter referred to as “the diseases”), then unless that building is a hospital in which persons suffering from the disease are received, the following provisions shall have effect, that is to say,— Notification of infectious disease.

- (a) the head of the family to which the inmate (in this Ordinance referred to as the patient) belongs, and in his default the nearest relative of the patient present in the building or being in attendance on the patient, and in default of that relative, everyone in charge of or in attendance on the patient, and in default of those persons, the occupier of the building, shall, as soon as he has reason to suspect that the patient is suffering from any of the diseases, send notice thereof in writing to the Surgeon General;
- (b) every medical practitioner attending on or called in to visit a patient shall forthwith on his having reason to suspect that the patient is suffering from any of the diseases, send to the Surgeon General a certificate stating the name of the patient, the situation of the building, and the disease from which he suspects the patient is suffering; and every medical practitioner who is not in receipt of pay from the colony shall be entitled for each certificate duly sent by him in accordance with this Ordinance, to receive the fee fixed by the Legislative Council.

Penalty for
default :

(2) Everyone required by this section to give a notice or certificate who fails to give it shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten dollars :

Proviso.

Provided that if a person is not required to give notice in the first instance but only in default of some other person, he shall not be liable to any fine for neglecting to give the notice if he satisfies the court that he had reasonable cause to suppose that it had been duly given.

Forms of
certificates.

3.—(1) The Surgeon General may from time to time prescribe forms for the purpose of certificates under this Ordinance, and the forms so prescribed shall be used in all cases to which they apply.

(2) The Surgeon General shall gratuitously supply forms of certificates to any legally qualified medical practitioner.

Application
of Ordinance
to other
diseases.

4.—(1) The central board of health may order from time to time by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board that the above sections or any portions thereof shall apply to any infectious disease other than a disease specifically mentioned in section two of this Ordinance, and on the publication in the Gazette, after approval by the Governor in Council, of the resolution, those sections or portions thereof shall apply accordingly.

(2) The order may be permanent or temporary, and if it is temporary, the period during which it is to continue in force shall be specified therein, and it may be revoked or varied by the board.

(3) No order under this section nor the revocations and variations thereof shall be valid until approved by the Governor in Council.