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PART 1ST, CHAPTER XIV.,  
OF THE  
REVISED STATUTES,  
AS AMENDED AND MODIFIED BY THE SUBSEQUENT ACTS OF  
THE LEGISLATURE.

TITLE I.

OF THE OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE  
CITY OF NEW-YORK.

§ 1. The legislative powers heretofore vested, by Board  
any existing law of this State, in the Board of <sup>of</sup> Health.  
Health of the city of New York, other than as the  
same are hereinafter modified or altered, shall be  
vested in the Mayor and Common Council of the  
said city of New York. (1850, *ch.* 275, § 1.)

§ 2. The said Mayor and Common Council, when <sup>th.</sup>  
acting in relation to the public health of said city,  
or in the execution of the said powers, or those  
hereinafter conferred, shall be known as the Board  
of Health of the city of New York, of which ten

Quorum. members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

President. The Mayor shall be the President of such Board, and shall have power at any time to convene the same. (*Same ch. § 2.*)

Sessions. § 3. The sessions of the Common Council, when acting as a Board of Health, shall be with closed doors, except when otherwise ordered by said Board. (*Same ch. § 3.*)

Commissioners of Health. § 4. The President of the Board of Aldermen, the President of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, the Health Officer, the Resident Physician, the Health Commissioner, and City Inspector, shall be the Commissioners of Health. (*Same ch. § 4.*)

To advise the Board. § 5. It shall be the duty of the Mayor and the Commissioners of Health to render their advice to the Board of Health, and to the City Inspector of said city, in regard to all matters connected with the public health thereof. (*Same ch. § 5.*)

Health Officer. § 6. The Health Officer shall perform all the duties hereinafter specified, and such other duties as the Board of Health, or the Mayor and the Commissioners of Health, shall lawfully require. (*Same ch. § 6.*)

Assistant Health Officer. § 7. The Health Officer may appoint an assistant, for whose conduct he shall be responsible, and who may perform all the duties required of the Health Officer. Such assistant shall, before entering on

the duties of his office, take the oath prescribed in the Constitution of this State. (*Same ch. § 7.*)

§ 8. The Resident Physician shall visit all sick <sup>Resident Physician.</sup> persons reported to the Board, or to the Mayor, and the Commissioners of Health, and shall perform such other professional duties as the Board of Health shall enjoin. (*Same ch. § 8.*)

§ 9. The Health Commissioner, under the direction of the Board of Health, shall assist the Resident Physician in the discharge of his official duties. <sup>Health Commissioner.</sup> *Same ch. § 9.*

§ 10. (Sec. 8.) He shall also receive all moneys <sup>to give Bonds.</sup> appropriated to the use of the Marine Hospital, and shall pay all demands against the Hospital that shall be approved by a majority of the Commissioners of Health, and, before he shall enter on the duties of his office, shall execute a bond in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his trust, and with such sureties as the Mayor or Recorder of the city shall approve. The bond shall be given to the people of this State, and be filed by the officer taking it, in the office of the clerk of the city and county. (*As amended 1840, ch. 19.*)

§ 11. (Sec. 9.) He shall render to the Board of Health a monthly account of his receipts and disbursements on account of the Marine Hospital, <sup>To Account and Deposit.</sup> and shall deposit the balance that shall appear to

be in his hands in such bank in the city of New-York as the Board shall designate, to the credit of the Commissioners of Health.

**Moneys, how drawn.**      § 12. (Sec. 10.) The moneys so deposited shall not be drawn out, except on the check of the Health Commissioner countersigned by the President of the Board of Health.\*

**Commissioners to meet.**      § 13. In the discharge of their duties, the Mayor and the Commissioners of Health shall meet daily at the office of the Board of Health, during such part of the year and at such hours of the day as the said Board shall designate. (1850, *ch.* 275, § 10.)

**Salaries of Resident Physician and Health Commissioner.**      § 14. The Resident Physician shall receive an annual salary of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid by the Corporation of said city, and the Health Commissioner an annual salary of three thousand and five hundred dollars, in lieu of fees and percentage, which shall be paid by the Commissioners of Emigration; and after the expiration of the term of office of the present Health Commissioner and Resident Physician, the said officers

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\* The transfer of the control of the Marine Hospital to the Commissioners of Emigration, by chapter 483 of the laws of 1847, has rendered the provisions of the original sections 8, 9, and 10, of this title, in many respects inoperative. But they have not been specifically repealed, and it is possible that cases may arise under existing laws where moneys may be received and disbursed as directed in these sections. They are therefore inserted entire.



shall hereafter be appointed by the Mayor of the city of New-York, by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen of said city.\* (Same *ch.* § 12).

§ 15. The Board of Health may, from time to time, appoint so many visiting, hospital and consulting physicians, as they may deem necessary, <sup>Consulting Physicians may be appointed.</sup> designate their duties, and fix their compensation. (Same *ch.* § 12.)

§ 16. The Mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen, may appoint an <sup>Inspector of Vessels.</sup> Inspector of Vessels, who shall, under the direction of the Mayor and the Commissioners of Health, or of the Board of Health, perform the duties required of him in this act, and shall be entitled to receive the following fees :

For each cargo inspected by him, under such direction, three dollars. <sup>Fees.</sup>

For each vessel cleansed and purified by him, under the like direction, five dollars.

Which fees shall be paid by the owner or consignee of the cargo inspected, or vessel cleansed and purified. (Same *ch.* § 13.)

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\* Modified by section 7 of chapter 523, laws of 1851, so as to make the salary of the Health Commissioner payable out of the city treasury, and be fixed by the city authorities.

§ 17. It shall be the duty of such Inspector, after he shall have performed any service required of him, to make an immediate report of his proceedings, and their result, to the Board of Health, or to the Mayor and the Commissioners of Health. (*Same ch. § 14.*)

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## TITLE II.

OF QUARANTINE, AND REGULATIONS IN THE NATURE OF  
QUARANTINE AT THE PORT OF NEW-YORK.

### ARTICLE FIRST.

*Of the Place of Quarantine, and Vessels and Persons subject to Quarantine.*

**Anchorage Ground.** § 1. The anchorage ground for vessels at Quarantine shall be near the place where the Marine Hospital now is, and shall be designated by buoys to be anchored under the direction of the Health Officer; and every vessel subject to quarantine shall, immediately on her arrival, anchor within them, and there remain, with all persons arriving on her, subject to the examinations and regulations imposed by law. (1856, *ch. 147, § 1.*)

**Quarantine of Vessels.** § 2. Vessels arriving at the port of New-York shall be subject to quarantine as follows: 1st. All vessels from any place where pestilential, contagious or infectious disease existed at the time of their departure, or which shall have arrived at any

such place, and proceeded thence to New-York, or on board of which, during the voyage, any case of such disease shall have occurred, arriving between the first day of April and the first day of November, shall remain at Quarantine for at least thirty days after their arrival, and at least twenty days after their cargo shall have been discharged, and shall perform such further quarantine as the Mayor and Commissioners of Health may prescribe, unless the Health Officer, with the approval of the Mayor or Commissioners of Health, shall sooner grant a permit for said vessel or cargo, or both, to proceed. 2d. All vessels from any place (including islands) in Asia, Africa, or the Mediterranean, or from any of the West Indies, Bahama, Bermuda or Western Islands, or from any place in America, in the ordinary passage from which they pass south of Cape Henlopen, and all vessels on board of which, during the voyage, or while at the port of their departure, any person shall have been sick, arriving between the first day of April and the first day of November, and all vessels from a foreign port, not embraced in the first subdivision of this section, shall, on their arrival at the Quarantine Ground, be subject to visitation by the Health Officer, but shall not be detained beyond the time requisite for due examination and observation, unless they shall have had on board during the voyage some case of infectious, contagious or pestilential disease, in which case they shall be subject to such quarantine and regulations as the