
Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Key of Winthrop, for a bill with a similar title (House, No. 322). February 25.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CUSTODY AND DELIVERY OF MONEY OR OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY FOUND UPON OR NEAR A DEAD BODY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 72 the following section:—
3 *Section 72A.* No agent or representative of a
4 morgue or mortuary shall take charge of any money
5 or other personal property of a deceased person found
6 on or near the body except in the presence of a police
7 officer of the city or town in which the body is located
8 or a relative of the deceased, and said agent or repre-
9 sentative shall give said police officer or relative an
10 itemized receipt for such money or personal property
11 so taken. Said agent or representative shall deliver
12 the said money or personal property to the person
13 entitled to its custody or possession, or, if not claimed
14 within sixty days, to a public administrator. For
15 fraudulent neglect or refusal so to deliver such prop-
16 erty within three days after demand, said agent or
17 representative shall be punished by a fine of not more
18 than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not
19 more than two years.

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The Commission of Agricultural

in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

BY ACT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PASSED MARCH 10, 1908.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF AGRICULTURE, REPORTING TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN VIRTUE OF A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MARCH 10, 1908.

1. The Commission of Agricultural Statistics, created by the Act of March 10, 1908, has the honor to submit to the House of Representatives its report for the year 1908. The Commission was organized on April 1, 1908, and has since that time been engaged in the study and collection of statistics relating to agriculture in the United States. The Commission has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from farmers, stock raisers, and other interested parties. It has also conducted extensive research into the various problems connected with agriculture, and has endeavored to present a complete and accurate picture of the agricultural situation in the United States. The Commission believes that the information it has gathered will be of great value to the Government and to the people of the United States.