

AN ACT TO COMPEL A MORE ACCURATE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS.

Chap. 33

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every physician and midwife in the several cities and towns in this Commonwealth, excepting Boston, to report on or before the fifth day of each month to the clerk of each city and town a correct list of births of all children born therein during the month next preceding at which such physician or midwife was present, stating therein the place, date of each birth, and parents' names.

Return of births to be made monthly, except in Boston.

SECTION 2. Town and city clerks shall give public notice that they are prepared to furnish the necessary blanks to all physicians and midwives applying therefor.

Clerks to give notice that they will furnish blanks.

SECTION 3. Any physician or midwife neglecting to report such list for ten days after it is due shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

Penalty on physician or midwife for neglect.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AN ACT RELATING TO THE BONDS OF GUARDIANS UNDER WILLS.

Chap. 34

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

SECTION 1. A guardian under a will shall be exempt from giving a surety or sureties on his bond, when the testator has ordered or requested such exemption, or has ordered or requested that no bond should be taken ; but such guardian shall in all cases give his own personal bond with conditions as prescribed by law : *provided*, that the judge of the probate court may at any time require a bond, with sufficient surety or sureties, if he is of opinion that the same is required by a change in the situation or circumstances of such guardian, or for other sufficient cause.

Guardians under wills exempt from giving sureties on bonds, when so ordered by testator.

Judge may require a bond with sureties.

SECTION 2. Every guardian under a will who neglects to give bond as required by this act, within such time as the probate court allows, shall be considered to have declined the trust : *provided*, that no guardian who has already undertaken a trust under laws heretofore existing, shall be required by the provisions of this act to give bond, except when the judge of the probate court is of opinion that the same is required by a change in the situation or circumstances of such guardian, or for other sufficient cause.

Guardian neglecting to give bond, considered to have declined trust. Proviso.

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