

No. XXV.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE
SUPERVISION.**An Act to make further provision to prevent the spread of the Disease known as Small-pox and for other purposes. [20th December, 1881.]**

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further provision to prevent the spread of the Disease known as Small-pox Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

Power to appoint a
Board of Health.

1. The Governor with the advice of the Executive Council may appoint a Board of Health to consist of not less than six persons to carry out the provisions of this Act and three members of such Board shall at any meeting thereof constitute a quorum.

Case of Small-pox
to be reported
immediately to the
authorities

2. On the appearance of any case of Small-pox or eruptive fever which may reasonably be supposed to be Small-pox in any house or premises in New South Wales the householder or occupier of the said house or premises and also the medical practitioner attending the case shall immediately report in writing such case to the proper authorities in manner following that is to say if the case occur within the City of Sydney then the report of the case shall be delivered to the officer in charge at the nearest police station or lock-up or to the officer in charge at the Central Police Station or to the Health Officer of the Port of Sydney or to any member of the Government Medical Staff or the Secretary of the Board of Health and if the case occur beyond the City of Sydney then the report shall be delivered to the nearest Magistrate Officer of Police Clerk of Petty Sessions or to the Government Medical Officer of the district within which the case has occurred

under penalty of not
less than ten nor
more than fifty
pounds.

If any person required by this section to report any such case shall fail to make such immediate report as hereinbefore required every such person shall be liable to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than fifty pounds which shall be recoverable in a summary way before a Police or Stipendiary Magistrate upon information laid by the Board of Health or by any officer appointed by such Board for that purpose.

Distress &c. on
default of payment
of penalty.

3. Payment of any penalty together with costs (if ordered) awarded under this Act may be enforced by distress and sale of the offender's or defaulter's goods and chattels and in default of sufficient distress by imprisonment with or without hard labour of such offender or defaulter for any term not exceeding six calendar months unless the amount of the penalty and costs (if any) be sooner paid.

Powers of Board of
Health.

4. The Board of Health appointed under this Act shall be the Authority to carry out subject to any orders and directions of the Governor with the advice aforesaid and subject to any general regulations which may be made by the Governor with the said advice the powers of isolation and all other powers conferred by the second section of the Act third William the Fourth number one and subject to the approval of the Governor with the said advice it shall be lawful for the said Board to define by notification in the *Gazette* any district in the Colony now or hereafter to be placed under the charge of a Government Medical Officer and in like manner to amend alter or extend the boundaries of any such district.

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as the "Infectious Disease Supervision Act 1881."