

CHAPTER 106.

S. F. No. 132.

An act to promote the health and welfare of infants born or cared for in places not the home of their parents.

Promoting welfare of infants.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. No person shall engage in the business of receiving into their premises, for pay, more than one person in six months to be cared for during childbirth, without first obtaining permit from the health officer of the city, village or town, or if there be none, from the county physician of the district in which they reside, and filing it in the office of the clerk of the city, village or town.

Caring for persons during childbirth.

Such permits shall contain the certificate of such officer that he has personal knowledge of the applicant, that she is duly licensed to practice midwifery by the state medical board of the State of Minnesota, and that she is of good moral character. Such permit shall also describe the premises into which such persons may be received, and also how many persons may be so received, at one time, and no such permit shall be issued unless the premises and furnishings are in fit sanitary condition. Such permit shall not be issued for a period longer than one (1) year, and only one permit may be issued for any certain premises.

Certificate of health officer.

Such officer shall be entitled to a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for making the necessary inspection and issuing such permit.

Any person receiving such a permit shall report to the officer who issued the same within three (3) days after any child is born, the sex, name and nationality of the child, and the date of its birth.

Report of birth.

Such health officer may at any time enter upon said premises and inspect the same and may at any time, upon proof satisfactory to him that such premises are unfit, or such person improper to continue in such business, by a written order filed in the office where such permit is filed revoke such permit.

SEC. 2. Whoever engages in the business of keeping or boarding more than one child under two years of age, for pay, shall obtain a permit from the health officer of the city, village or town, or if there be no such officer, from the county physician of the district where such person resides, and shall file the same with the clerk of the city, village or town of their residence. Such permit

Permit for keeping child under 2 years old.

shall contain the certificate of the health officer or county physician that he has personal knowledge of the applicant; that she is of good moral character, and competent to take care of children of any age under two years. Such permit shall contain a description of the premises into which such children may be received and shall state the number of children which may be received at one time, and such permit shall not be issued for a period longer than one year, and but one permit may be issued for any certain premises, and no such permit shall be issued unless such premises and furnishings are in fit sanitary condition.

Such officer shall be entitled to a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) for making the necessary inspection and issuing such permit.

Inspection
of premises.

Such health officer or county physician may at any time enter upon said premises and inspect the same, and may at any time, upon proof satisfactory to him that such premises are unfit, or such person improper to continue in such business, by a written order filed in the office where such permit is filed, revoke such permit.

SEC. 3. No person shall offer either by advertisement in the public press, or in any other way, to dispose of the child of another; said offer being an inducement to come to their premises during confinement in childbirth.

SEC. 4. All officers who issue permits shall file a copy with the secretary of the state board of health within ten (10) days after its issue.

Report upon
receiving or
disposing
of child.

SEC. 5. Any person receiving such a permit shall, within three (3) days after receiving or disposing of the same, report in writing to the official issuing it, the name, age, nationality and sex of any child received into her care; also the name, age, sex, nationality and occupation so far as she can ascertain, of the person placing the child in her care; also, if the child is removed, what disposition is made of it.

SEC. 6. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed a misdemeanor.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 2, 1901.