

Limit of credits
and liabilities.

had been received or collected at the time such previous billing was rendered.] *one-half of such amount subsequently collected. Such county or poor district shall not in any case receive credits aggregating more, nor be liable for more, than three dollars per week per patient.*

Effective date.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-three.

APPROVED—The 23d day of May, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 206

AN ACT

To amend section seven of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred), entitled "An act to provide for the immediate registration of all births and deaths throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by means of certificates of births and deaths, and burial or removal permits; requiring prompt returns to the Central Bureau of Vital Statistics, as required to be established by the State Department of Health; and, in order to secure prompt and faithful registration of births, marriages, deaths, and diseases, of practitioners of medicine and surgery, of midwives, nurses, and undertakers, and of all persons whose occupation is deemed to be of importance in obtaining complete registration of births, deaths, marriages, and diseases throughout the State, as provided in section ten of an act, entitled 'An act creating the Department of Health and defining its powers and duties,' approved the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and five, and providing penalties for violations of this act," by requiring certificates of death to show certain information pertaining to military service, if any, of decedent.

Department
of Health.

Vital statistics.

Section 7, act of
June 7, 1915
(P. L. 900),
amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section seven of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred), entitled "An act to provide for the immediate registration of all births and deaths throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by means of certificates of births and deaths, and burial or removal permits; requiring prompt returns to the Central Bureau of Vital Statistics, as required to be established by the State Department of Health; and, in order to secure prompt and faithful registration of births, marriages, deaths, and diseases, of practitioners of medicine and surgery, of midwives, nurses, and undertakers, and of all persons whose occupation is deemed to be of importance in obtaining complete registration of births, deaths, marriages, and diseases throughout the State, as provided in section ten of an act, entitled 'An act creating the Department of Health and defining its powers and duties,' approved the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and five, and providing penalties for violations of this act," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 7. That the certificate of death shall contain the following items: Certificate of death.

- (1) Place of death; including State, county, township, borough, or city. If in a borough or city, the ward, street and house number. If in a hospital or other institution, the name of the same to be given instead of the street and the house number. If in an industrial camp, the name to be given.
- (2) Full name of decedent. If an unnamed child, the surname preceded by "unnamed."
- (3) Sex.
- (4) Color or race; as, white, black (negro or negro descent), Indian, Chinese, Japanese, or other.
- (5) Conjugal condition; as, single, married, widowed, or divorced.
- (6) Date of birth, including the year, month and day.
- (7) Age in years, months, and days.
- (8) Place of birth, State or foreign country.
- (9) Name of father.
- (10) Birthplace of father, State or foreign country.
- (11) Maiden name of mother.
- (12) Birthplace of mother, State or foreign country.
- (13) Occupation. The occupation to be reported of any person who had any remunerative employment, women as well as men.
- (14) Signature and address of informant.
- (15) Date of death, including the year, month, and day.
- (16) Statement of medical attendance on decedent, fact and time of death, including the time last seen alive.
- (17) Cause of death, including the primary and immediate causes, and contributory causes or complications, if any, and duration of each.
- (18) Signature and address of physician or official making the medical certificate.
- (19) Special information concerning deaths in hospitals and institutions, and of persons dying away from home, including the former or usual residence, length of time [and] *at the* place of death, and place where the disease was contracted.
- (20) Place of burial or removal.
- (21) Date of burial or removal.
- (22) Signature and address of undertaker.
- (23) Official signature of registrar, with date when certificate was filed, and registered number.
- (24) *Service in the United States military or naval forces, if any, including date of entry, of discharge, organization or organizations served in, serial number on discharge, and serial number on adjusted compensation certificate.*

Military service of decedent.

The Bureau of Vital Statistics is hereby directed to prepare and mail monthly a list containing the above information to the county commissioners of the county in which the soldier is buried.

Bureau of Vital Statistics to prepare and mail list to commissioners.

Statistical
particulars.

The personal and statistical particulars (items one to thirteen, and *item twenty-four*) shall be authenticated by the signature of the informant, who may be any competent person acquainted with the facts.

Statement
of facts.

The statement of facts relating to the disposition of the body shall be signed by the undertaker, or person acting as such.

Medical
certificate.

The medical certificate shall be made and signed by the physician, if any, last in attendance on the deceased; who shall specify the time in attendance, the time he last saw the deceased alive, and the hour of the day at which death occurred. And he shall further state the cause of death so as to show the course of disease, or sequence of causes resulting in death, giving the primary and immediate causes, and also the contributory causes, if any, and the duration of each. Indefinite and unsatisfactory terms, indicating only symptoms of disease or conditions resulting from disease, will not be held sufficient for issuing a burial or removal permit; and any certificate containing only such terms as defined by the State Registrar shall be returned to the physician for correction and definition. Causes of death which may be the result of either disease or violence shall be carefully defined; and, if from violence, its nature shall be stated, and whether (probably) accidental, suicidal, or homicidal. And in case of deaths in hospitals, institutions, or away from home, the physician shall furnish the information required under this head (*item nineteen*), and shall state where, in his opinion, the disease was contracted.

Birth certificates
of children of
citizens born
beyond limits of
United States.

That it shall be the duty of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics to maintain an additional file for receiving and registering properly completed birth certificates for children of citizens of Pennsylvania hereafter born beyond the limits and jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose fathers were or may be at the time of their birth citizens of the United States of America, and which said children are declared to be citizens of the United States of America by act of Congress. Said birth certificate to be completed in the regular manner and certified to by the American Consul nearest said place of birth. Certified copies of such certificates to be issued upon receipt of the regular fee.

Special
certificates of
adopted children.

That it shall be the duty of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics upon receipt of a properly certified copy of an adoption decree to attach same to the original birth certificate filed for said adopted child, and add thereto the new name of the child as contained in the decree of adoption, together with the names of the adopting parents, their color, ages, and occupations. The issuance of any certified copy shall, in addition to the place and date

of birth, contain only the new data as added from the adoption decree, and the original date of filing, name of physician or midwife, and local registrar's name.

APPROVED—The 24th day of May, A. D. 1933.

This bill as originally drafted was designed to require death certificates to show the military record, if any, of the decedent. However, on its passage through the Legislature two additional provisions were added to the bill relating to the issuance of birth certificates of children of citizens of Pennsylvania born beyond the limits of the United States, and also to provide for special birth certificates for adopted children.

Neither of the two additional items relating to birth certificates is mentioned in the title of the bill, nor are they germane to the section relating to death certificates in which they are included. However, the provisions of the bill relating to the service record of decedents on death certificates can be sustained. Therefore, I am approving the bill to carry out this original purpose, although I am fully aware that the additional provisions relating to birth certificates cannot possibly be sustained because of the defect in the title of the bill.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 207

AN ACT

To amend section twenty-one of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred), entitled "An act to provide for the immediate registration of all births and deaths throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by means of certificates of births and deaths, and burial or removal permits; requiring prompt returns to the Central Bureau of Vital Statistics, as required to be established by the State Department of Health; and, in order to secure prompt and faithful registration of births, marriages, deaths, and diseases, of practitioners of medicine and surgery, of midwives, nurses, and undertakers, and of all persons whose occupation is deemed to be of importance in obtaining complete registration of births, deaths, marriages, and diseases throughout the State, as provided in section ten of an act, entitled 'An act creating the Department of Health and defining its powers and duties,' approved the twenty-seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and five, and providing penalties for violations of this act," as amended, by providing for special certificates of the birth of adopted persons, and requiring school authorities to accept such certificates for certain purposes.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c.. That section twenty-one of the act, approved the seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen (Pamphlet Laws, nine hundred), entitled "An act to provide for the immediate registration of all births and deaths throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by means of certificates of births and deaths, and burial or removal permits: requiring prompt returns to the Central Bureau of Vital Statistics, as required to be established by the State Department of Health; and, in order to secure prompt and faithful registration of births, marriages, deaths, and diseases, of practitioners of medicine and

Department
of Health.

Vital statistics.

Section 21, act of
June 7, 1915
(P. L. 900), as
amended by act
of April 28, 1927
(P. L. 498),
further amended.