

SANITARY RULES AND REGULATIONS No. 65

REMOVAL OF CORPSES; CEMETERIES, BURIALS, DISINTERMENTS
AND CREMATIONS; AMENDMENT OF SECTION 11 OF SANI-
TARY RULES AND REGULATIONS No. 11, AND REPEAL
OF SANITARY RULES AND REGULATIONS Nos. 17
AND 48; PROMULGATED

GOVERNMENT OF PORTO RICO
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF PORTO RICO
A PROCLAMATION

*Sanitary Rules and Regulations No. 65.—Removal of corpses; ceme-
teries, burials, disinterments and cremations; amendment of Sec-
tion 11 of Sanitary Rules and Regulations No. 11, and repeal of
Sanitary Rules and Regulations Nos. 17 and 48; promulgated.*

The following regulations, having been approved by the Insular Board of Health on November 14, 1918, and by the Executive Council on November 10, 1919, in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 81, approved March 14, 1912, are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

REGULATION TO AMEND SECTION 11 OF SANITARY REGULATIONS No. 11, "GOV-
ERNING THE REMOVAL OF CORPSES; CEMETERIES, BURIALS, DISINTER-
MENTS AND CREMATIONS", AND TO REPEAL SANITARY REGULATIONS Nos.
17 AND 48.

Section 1.—That section 11 of Sanitary Rules and Regulations No. 11 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 11.—Funeral services, with the body present, shall not be held in a church or in any other place, for persons who have died of smallpox, Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, exanthematous typhus, bubonic plague or cerebro-spinal meningitis. The bodies of persons who have died of any other disease may be taken to a church or any other place for such services, provided that they have been embalmed, or if not embalmed should be properly prepared, the bodies being wrapped in sheets wet with an antiseptic solution and placed in coffins thoroughly closed, this requisite to be confirmed by the attending sanitary officer who shall require a certificate copy of this requisite, of having been complied with under the responsibility of the person who inspected the referred-to preparation; said document to be delivered together with the death certificate; *Provided*, That without these documents the permit for the funeral services shall not be issued; *Provided*, That it is to be understood, according to this

Regulation, that a coffin hermetically sealed is not only one that literally is so, but also those wooden coffins made of new wood, solidly constructed with joints perfectly adjusted, and the cover to also fit thoroughly without any chink, and to be tightly nailed.

"The responsibility for any violation of this Regulation shall be borne by the agent or undertaker in charge of the burial and also by the person who holds or authorizes the holding of the funeral services."

Section 2.—That Sanitary Regulations Nos. 17 and 48 are hereby repealed.

Section 3.—All rules and regulations in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4.—This Regulation shall take effect from and after its approval by the Executive Council and after being promulgated and published as provided in section 13 of "An Act to reorganize the Service of Sanitation", approved March 14, 1912.

Being so promulgated, and having been published in two newspapers of general circulation in the Island, in accordance with Section 13 of Act 81, approved March 14, 1912, the said regulations entitled "Regulation to amend Section 11 of Sanitary Regulations No 11 governing the removal of corpses; cemeteries, burials, disinterments and cremations, and to repeal Sanitary Regulations Nos. 17 and 48," on and after this date have the force and effect of law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Government of Porto Rico to be affixed at the city of San Juan, this seventeenth day of November, A. D. nineteen hundred and nineteen.

[SEAL]

ARTHUR YAGER,
Governor.

Promulgated according to law, November 17, 1919.

R. SIACA PACHECO,
Executive Secretary of Porto Rico.

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