

CHAPTER 174.

[H. F. No. 369.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE NECESSARY CROSSINGS FOR THE
PASSAGE OF FARM STOCK AND FOR DRAINAGE UNDER
RAILROAD TRACKS.287-174
38-M 492
38-nw 487*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*287-174
39-M 5
42-M 75

SECTION 1. That whenever a railroad shall hereafter be laid out, opened and fenced, through the farm lands of any owner of such lands in this state, leaving parts of such lands on both sides of such railroad, the said railroad, or persons causing such railroad to be laid out, opened and fenced, shall construct a necessary crossing or crossings, under, over or across such railroad, for the passage of stock to and from such parts of such land, but such crossings shall be so constructed as not to obstruct such railroad.

Railroads shall
construct
crossings.

SEC. 2. That wherever a railroad is now laid out, opened or fenced, through the farm lands of any such owner thereof, leaving a part of such farm lands on both sides of such railroad, such owner is authorized to construct a crossing under, over or across such railroad, for the necessary passage of stock therein; and whenever any owner of lands adjacent to the right of way of any railroad company finds it necessary to drain the same and to continue such drain or drains across the right of way of any railroad company, such owner is hereby authorized to construct such drain through the right of way, and under the track or tracks of such company; but said crossing and drains shall be constructed at said owners expense, and in such a manner as not to obstruct or impair the public use of said railroad, and after so constructed, the said crossing, or crossings, shall be maintained and kept in good repair at the expense of the owners of such railroad. In all cases, before constructing such crossing or drain, the owner of the land shall serve upon the railroad company, a notice, in the manner provided for serving a summons in a civil action, stating in detail the work which such owner desires to perform under the provisions of this act; within sixty days from the service notice the railroad company may do such work at the expense of such owner, and no such crossing or drain so constructed, shall be opened for the use of such owner until all reasonable and proper expense of constructing the same shall have been paid in full. At the expiration of such sixty days, in case the railroad company fail to do

How owners
may construct
crossings.

When act to
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such work the owner may construct the same as aforesaid.
SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1887.

CHAPTER 175.

[H. F. No. 606.]

AN ACT TO COMPEL EMPLOYERS OF FEMALES TO FURNISH SUITABLE SEATS FOR SUCH EMPLOYEES.

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

Seats for
female
employees.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of all employers of females in any mercantile or manufacturing business or occupation to provide and maintain suitable seats for the use of such female employees, and to permit the use of such seats by such employees to such an extent as may be reasonable for the preservation of their health.

When act to
take effect.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1887.

CHAPTER 176.

[H. F. No. 604.]

AN ACT FORBIDDING THE MORTGAGING OF CROPS BEFORE THE SEED THEREOF SHALL HAVE BEEN SOWN OR PLANTED.

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

Mortgaging or
crops.

SECTION 1. The mortgaging of crops before the seed thereof shall have been sown or planted, for more than one (1) year in advance, is hereby forbidden, and all securities or mortgages hereafter executed on such crops are declared void and of no effect;

Provided, This act shall not apply to mortgages given