

by the city treasurer shall be placed to the credit of the "city park fund" of such city.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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S. F. No. 437.

CHAPTER 207.

Insurance
against
burglary and
robbery.

An act to authorize the organization and admission of certain insurance companies to insure against loss or damage from burglary and robbery, and from loss of money and securities in the course of transportation in certain cases.

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

Authorized
and licensed.

SECTION 1. Any insurance company organized and incorporated on the mutual plan under the laws of this state or another state for the purpose of insuring against loss or damage resulting from burglary and robbery or attempt thereof, and insuring against the loss of money and securities in course of transportation when shipped by registered mail, shall be authorized, admitted and licensed to do business in this state as hereinafter provided.

Requirements
of companies

SEC. 2. Before any such company shall be authorized to transact business in this state, except to solicit and receive applications for insurance and portions of premiums thereon, as hereinafter provided, it shall have in force five hundred (500) or more policies on which the premium shall have been paid in cash or shall be evidenced by the written contracts of the policy holders, on which not less than one-fifth (1-5) of the amount shall have been paid in cash, and the cash and contracts for premiums shall amount in the aggregate to a sum of not less than fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars. The premium contracts so held shall constitute a part of the assets of the company.

Articles of in-
corporation
and informa-
tion to be
filed.

SEC. 3. And every such company, association or partnership shall also file a certified copy of their charter, articles of incorporation or deed of settlement, together with a statement, under the oath of the president or vice president and secretary of the company, for which he or they may act, stating the name of the company and place where located, a detailed statement of its assets, showing the number of policy holders, aggregate amount of premium contracts, the amount of cash on

hand, in bank, or in the hands of agents, the amount of real estate and how the same is encumbered by mortgage, the number of shares of stock of every kind owned by the company, the par and market value of the same, amount loaned on bond and mortgage, the amount loaned on other security, stating the kind and the amount loaned on each, and the estimated value of the whole amount of such securities, and other assets or property of the company; also stating the indebtedness of the company, the amount of losses adjusted and unpaid, the amount incurred and in process of adjustment, the amount resisted by the company as illegal and fraudulent, and all other claims existing against the company; and for a company organized under the laws of any other state, a copy of the last annual report, if any, made under any law of the state by which such company was incorporated; and no agent shall be allowed to transact business for any such company whose reinsurance reserve as required in this act is impaired to the extent of twenty (20) per cent. thereof while such deficiency shall continue. Nor shall it be lawful for any agent or agents to act for any company or companies referred to in this act, directly or indirectly, in taking risks or transacting the business of burglary and robbery insurance, or the insuring of the safe shipping of money and securities by registered mail in this state, without procuring from the insurance commissioner a certificate of authority stating that such company has complied with all the requisitions of this act which apply to such companies, and as to companies organized under the laws of any other state there shall be added the name of the attorney appointed to act for the company.

SEC. 4. Any company organized, admitted and licensed to transact business in this state under this act shall confine its line of business to that stated in the first section of this act, and shall confine its business in this state to banks, bankers, loan companies and county treasurers, and shall not issue any policy or policies to any persons, firm or corporations in this state other than banks, bankers, loan companies and county treasurers. Every such company shall set aside a reinsurance reserve of fifty (50%) per cent. of its premiums, whether collected, in cash or represented by obligations of the policy holders, as written in its policies.

Limitation of
business.

SEC. 5. Policy holders of any company organized and admitted to transact business in this state under this act shall be held liable to pay the membership fee and premium on their insurance as paid, or contracted to be paid, at the time the policy is taken out, and shall not

Liability of
policy hold-
ers.

be held liable for any other or further assessments or claims on the part of the company or its policy holders. The membership fee and premium agreed upon may be collected in cash at the time the policy is issued or evidenced by a written obligation of the policy holder as may be agreed upon by the company and the policy holder. Such payment or obligation shall be the limit of the liability of the policy holder to the company for premium on their insurance.

SEC. 6. It shall not be lawful for any insurance company, association or partnership incorporated by or organized under the laws of any other state of the United States for any of the purposes specified in this act, directly or indirectly, to take risks or to transact any business of insurance in this state by any agent or agents in this state until it shall first appoint an attorney in this state, who shall be the insurance commissioner, on whom process of law can be served, and file in the office of the insurance commissioner a written instrument, duly signed and sealed, certifying such appointment, and any process issued by any court or (of) record in this state, and served upon such attorney by the proper officer of the county in which such attorney may reside or be found, shall be deemed a sufficient service of process upon company; but service of process upon such company may also be made in any other manner provided by law.

SEC. 7. The statement and evidences of membership, assets and investments required by section three (3) of this act shall be renewed from year to year in such manner and form as may be required by said insurance commissioner, with an additional statement of the amount of premiums received in this state during the preceding year so long as such agency continues, and the said insurance commissioner, on being satisfied that the membership, assets, securities and investments remain secure, as hereinbefore mentioned, shall furnish a renewal of the certificate as aforesaid.

Any violation of any of the provisions of this act shall subject the party violating the same to a penalty of not less than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars or more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.

SEC. 8. All corporations organized under this act shall be subject to all the laws of this state regulating the taxation of fire insurance companies.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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Insurance commissioner of this state as attorney of company.

Renewal of certificate.

Penalty.