

H. F. No. 179.

CHAPTER 122.

An act requiring railroad companies to report all wrecks and casualties wherein any person is injured or killed, to the railroad and warehouse commission.

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

Report of
railroad
accidents
required.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every railroad company operating a line of railway in this state to report to the railroad and warehouse commission of this state all accidents, wrecks or casualties occurring in the operation of trains on said line or lines of railway within this state, wherein any person is either killed or injured, after the happening of any such accident occurring and within reasonable time, not exceeding sixty (60) days, report in detail to the commission, giving full particulars in such form as the commission may require. Any reports herein required to be made to the commission or the findings of the commission shall not be for public inspection.

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SEC. 2. Whenever any such report is made to such railroad and warehouse commission, said commission shall forthwith examine into the causes and circumstances of such wreck, accident or casualty. And it shall thereupon be the duty of the said railroad and warehouse commission to order such railroad company to comply with any reasonable requirement prescribed by the said railroad and warehouse commission, calculated to prevent the recurrence of any such wreck, accident or casualty, and it shall be the duty of the said railroad and warehouse commission to report to the legislature biennially a summarized statement of all wrecks, accidents or casualties that have come to their knowledge by reason of this act, together with a recommendation of such additional legislation as they deem proper for the greater protection of passengers and employes of such railroad.

Penalty.

SEC. 3. Every person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred (\$100) dollars, nor more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year, or shall suffer both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 7, 1905.