

Sec. 2. This act shall not apply to industrial policies, or to any policy until the same has been in force three years.

Sec. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after Jan. 1, 1908.

Approved April 16, 1907.

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CHAPTER 202—S. F. No. 124.

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*An Act to promote the safety of employes of common carriers and railway companies, by compelling them to equip the freight cars with automatic couplers and suitable grab irons or hand holds.*

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

**Railroads to equip freight cars with automatic couplers.**—Section 1. That on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and eight, it shall be unlawful for any railway company or common carrier, in moving freight between points in the state, to haul or permit to be hauled, or used on its line, any car not equipped with couplers, coupling automatically by impact, and which can be uncoupled without the necessity of men going between the ends of the cars.

**To provide grab irons.**—Sec. 2. That on and after the first day of July, nineteen hundred and eight, it shall be unlawful for any railway company or common carrier, in moving freight between points in the state, to use any car that is not provided with secure grab irons or hand holds in the ends and sides of each car for the greater security to men in coupling and uncoupling cars.

**Penalty for violation.**—Sec. 3. Any railway company or common carrier violating any of the provisions of this act shall forfeit to the state one hundred dollars (\$100) for each and every such violation.

Approved April 15, 1907.