

CHAPTER 253—H. F. No. 383.

An Act to safeguard the traveling public and employes upon railroads by limiting the hours of service of employes thereon.

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

Maximum daily employment 16 hours—accidents excepted.—Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any railroad company within the State of Minnesota, or any of its officers or agents, to require or permit any employe engaged in or connected with the movement of any rolling stock, engine or train, to remain on duty more than sixteen consecutive hours, or to require or permit any such employe who has been on duty sixteen consecutive hours to perform any further service without having had at least eight hours' rest, or to require or permit any such employe to be on duty at any time to exceed sixteen hours in any consecutive twenty-four hours, *provided, however,* that this section shall not *apply to work performed in the protection of life or property in cases of accident, wreck or other unavoidable casualty; and, provided further,* that it shall not apply to the time necessary for trainmen to reach a resting place when an accident, wreck, washout, snow blockade or other unavoidable cause has delayed their train.

Penalty for violation—duty of railroad commission.—Sec. 2. Any officer of any railroad company in the State of Minnesota violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than sixty days, or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

It shall be the duty of the state railroad and warehouse commission, upon complaint properly filed with it alleging a violation of this act, to make a full investigation in relation thereto, and for such purpose it shall have the power to administer oaths, interrogate witnesses, take testimony and require the production of books and papers, and if such report shall show a violation of the provisions of this act the commission shall, through the attorney general, begin the prosecution of all parties against whom evidence of violation of the provisions of this act is found; but this act shall not

be construed to prevent any other person from beginning prosecution for violation of the provisions hereof.

Approved April 19, 1907.

CHAPTER 254—H. F. No. 411.

An Act to amend paragraph 6, section 5514, Revised Laws of Minnesota, 1905, and to make Good Friday a legal holiday.

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

Good Friday a legal holiday.—Section 1. That paragraph 6 of section 5514, Revised Laws of Minnesota for 1905, be amended so as to read as follows:

“6. Holidays— The word “holiday” shall include New Year’s Day, January 1; Lincoln’s Birthday, February 12; Washington’s Birthday, February 22; Memorial Day, May 30; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, first Monday in September; election day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of the even numbered years; Christmas Day, December 25; and the Friday next preceding Easter Sunday and commonly known as Good Friday. No public business shall be transacted on those days, except in cases of necessity, nor shall any civil process be served thereon.”

Approved April 19, 1907.

CHAPTER 255—H. F. No. 472.

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An Act to amend sections seven hundred (700), seven hundred and one (701) and seven hundred and four (704) of the Revised Laws of nineteen hundred and five (1905), relating to the incorporation of villages.

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

Certain districts may be incorporated as villages.—Section 1. That section seven hundred (700) of the Revised Laws of 1905 be and the same is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in lieu thereof the following: