

for any person operating a local warehouse to keep the same open for business in order to properly serve the public.

Refusal to comply a misdemeanor.—Sec. 2. Any person operating such local warehouse who shall fail to keep the house open for business during the time fixed by the commission, after receiving written notice of the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 28, 1907.

CHAPTER 74—H. F. No. 586.

An Act to amend section 5448, Revised Laws 1905, relative to the manufacture of binding twine at the state prison at Stillwater, and regulating the sale thereof, and providing a penalty for the violation of the regulations for such sale.

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

Binding twine, how to be sold.—Section 1. That section 5448 of the Revised Laws of 1905 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 5448. Sale of Binding Twine—Regulation—Penalty—The price of binding twine manufactured at the state prison shall be fixed by the warden and the state board of control not later than March 1 each year. Such twine shall be sold to actual consumers, in quantities needed for their use, and to dealers within the state, under such rules and regulations as may be provided by said board, for cash or security, approved by the warden. Dealers desiring to purchase such twine shall enter into a written agreement with the state to sell only to actual consumers within the state for their own use. Such agreement shall also provide that when such twine is sold for cash it shall be at a price not greater than one cent per pound above the purchase price and freight from the prison to the station where such twine is sold, and when such twine is sold on time, at a price not greater than one and a half cents per pound above the purchase price and freight, as hereinbefore provided.

Reservation of 3,000,000 pounds.—The board shall cause to be held in reserve at the prison until March 1 of each year three million pounds of twine for the purpose of filling club and cash orders received from consumers, and thereafter until July 1 of each year said board shall reduce such reserve to five hundred thousand pounds, after which date all twine shall be sold. The state shall retain a contingent interest in twine so sold, and if any dealer shall violate his said agreement, the state board of control may declare such twine forfeited to the state and retake possession thereof. Every dealer purchasing such twine shall keep it separate from other twine and also keep a correct record of all his sales, showing the date, amount, price and name and postoffice address of purchaser, which shall be open to the inspection of the warden, state board of control and the proper county attorney. Every dealer who shall violate the terms of said written agreement, and every person violating any provision of this section, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Twine may be sold to dealers outside state.—*Provided*, that whenever, in the opinion of the state board of control and the warden of the prison, the best interests of the state require such action, such binding twine may be sold to dealers or consumers without the state.

Approved March 28, 1907.

CHAPTER 75—H. F. No. 663.

An Act relating to the maintenance of judicial ditches in counties having a population of two hundred and ninety-two thousand (292,000) or more.

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

Expenses for repairing and maintenance to be paid out of lake improvement fund.—Section 1. That in all counties in this state which now have or may hereafter have two hundred and ninety-two thousand (292,000) inhabitants, or more, according to the last state census, where a judicial ditch, as defined by section 2610, chapter 44 of the Revised Laws of Minnesota, 1905, has been constructed along a creek or watercourse and where such creek or watercourse flows into a navigable lake, lying wholly or in part within such county,