

## CHAPTER 487—H. F. No. 755.

*An Act defining who are vagrants and providing for their punishment.*

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

**Defining vagrants and punishment prescribed.**—Section 1  
The following persons are vagrants:

1. A person, who, being an habitual drunkard, abandons, neglects or refuses to aid in the support of his family.

2. A person who has contracted an infectious or other disease in the practice of drunkenness or debauchery, requiring charitable aid to restore him to health.

3. Every male person who lives wholly or in part on the earnings of prostitution, or who in any public place solicits for immoral purposes.

A male person who lives with or is habitually in the company of a prostitute and has no visible means of support, shall be deemed to be living on the earnings of prostitution.

4. A common prostitute who shall be found wandering about the streets, or loitering in or about any restaurant, lodging house, saloon, or place where intoxicating liquors are sold.

5. Every female who shall be found wandering about the streets and addressing male persons for the purpose of soliciting the commission of any lewd, indecent or unlawful act, or for the purpose of enticing any male person into a house of prostitution or assignation, bedhouse, room, or other place for any unlawful purpose.

6. Fortune tellers, and such other like imposters.

7. A person known to be a pickpocket, thief, burglar, "yeggman" or "confidence man," and having no visible or lawful means of support, when found loitering around any steamboat landing, railroad depot, railroad yard, banking institution, broker's office, place of public amusement, hotel, auction room, store, shop, or crowded thoroughfare, car or omnibus, or at any public gathering or assembly.

*Provided*, however, that this act shall not apply to any such person, unless he has been convicted of the offense which would make him known as such person, and shall not apply to any person who has been in prison for such offense, who, after being released from such imprisonment has been engaged in lawful employment, and shall not in any case apply to any such person until more than thirty days have elapsed since being released from such imprisonment.

8. A person engaged in practicing or attempting any trick or device to procure money or other thing of value, if such trick or device is made a public offense by any law of this state.

Every such person shall upon conviction thereof be punished by imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

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CHAPTER 488—H. F. No. 776.

*An Act to amend chapter 202, Laws of 1907, relating to automatic couplers and grab irons on freight cars and providing a penalty for violation thereof.*

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

That chapter 202, Laws of 1907, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

**Automatic couplers required.**—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.

**Grab irons and hand holds required.**—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.

**Train brake system required.**—Sec. 3. That it shall be unlawful for any railroad doing business in the state of Minnesota to use on this line any locomotive in the moving of its trains not equipped with power, driving wheel, brakes and appliances of operating the train brake system or to run any train over its road that has not 75% of the cars in such train equipped with power or train brakes and having the brakes used and operated by the engineer of the locomotive drawing such train, and all power brake cars in such train shall be associated together and have their brakes used and operated. *Provided*, that this section shall not apply to the handling of trains or cars in yard service, or to a local train while engaged in performing switching service.

**Draw bars of certain gauge required.**—Sec. 4. That it shall be unlawful for any railroad doing business in the state of Minnesota to use any locomotive, tender, car or similar vehicle used in