

CHAPTER 287—H. F. No. 374.

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An Act to compel those offering special inducements to the public or to prospective purchasers or customers in trade, to pay a certain proportion of the amount of such inducement or offer in cash, if such prospective purchaser or customer so elects, in lieu of the sum promised in trade and to provide a penalty for the failure to do so.

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

Amount to be paid in cash.—Section 1. That all persons, who shall offer special inducements to the public or prospective purchasers or customers in trade, or shall agree to credit such prospective purchasers or customers with a certain amount on the purchase price of any article or commodity that may be purchased, as the result of any drawing or the solution of any puzzle, problem or device, shall, if such prospective purchaser or customer so elect, pay to him or her in cash, one-half the amount which such person agrees to allow such prospective purchaser or customer in trade or agrees to credit him or her on the purchase price of any article or commodity that might be purchased.

Failure to comply a misdemeanor.—Sec. 2. Any person offering such special inducement as herein provided, who shall fail, neglect or refuse to pay one-half the amount of such inducement in cash, if such prospective purchaser or customer so elects, in lieu of the amount promised in trade, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Construction of word purchaser.—Sec. 3. The word "person" as used in this act, may in order to make the intention and meaning of the law effective, be construed to mean firm or corporation.

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

Approved April 19, 1911.