

## CHAPTER 313—S. F. No. 533.

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*An Act relating to joint rates between common carriers, and to repeal sections 1981 and 2018 of the Revised Laws of 1905.*

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

**Joint rates of railroad companies.**—Section 1. Within a reasonable time the railroad and warehouse commission shall make general rules fixing the percentage relation to govern in the making of joint rates between common carriers for the transportation of freight and express in carload and less than carload lots; and shall make all rules necessary to govern the transfer of freight and express between carriers. The commission may change the rules or regulations from time to time to meet different conditions and to promote justice.

No carrier shall be required to deliver to another carrier at a connecting or junction point, freight or express destined to a common point reached by both carriers, unless the commission finds it is necessary in order to obtain reasonable rates and service.

Before making any order as herein provided, the commission shall give such hearing as may be deemed necessary.

**Same to be established by the common carriers.**—Sec. 2. The several carriers in this state shall establish joint rates on all intra-state freight and express transported in carload and less than carload lots, within thirty days after the commission has established rules to govern in the making of joint rates between carriers.

If carriers fail to agree on the division of the joint rate, the commission on the application of any party interested, shall fix such division.

**Penalty for failure.**—Sec. 3. Any carrier failing to comply with any provision of this act or any rule of the commission, shall be subject to a fine of not exceeding one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each offense.

**Certain sections repealed.**—Sec. 4. Sections 1981 and 2018 of the Revised Laws of 1905 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 20, 1911.