

CHAPTER 373—H. F. No. 293.

An Act to amend Sections 5468 and 5469, Revised Laws of 1905, relating to the employment of prisoners on state and county roads and lands, streets, or elsewhere in the state or county and providing for payment of compensation for such labor of prisoners by counties, cities, villages and boroughs.

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

Section 1. Prisoner may be paid a reasonable compensation for labor performed while in jail.—That Section 5468 of the Revised Laws of 1905 be amended so as to read as follows:

5468. Every able-bodied male prisoner over sixteen and not more than fifty years of age, confined in any county jail or village lockup under judgment of any court of record, justice court, or other tribunal authorized to imprison for the violation of any law, ordinance, by-law, or police regulation, may be required to labor during the whole or some part of the time of his sentence, but not more than ten hours per day. Such court or tribunal, when passing judgment of imprisonment for non-payment of fine or otherwise, shall determine and specify whether such imprisonment shall be at hard labor or not. Such labor may be in the jail or jail yard, upon public roads and streets, public buildings, grounds or elsewhere in the county. Persons awaiting trial may be allowed upon request to perform such labor. *Each prisoner performing labor may be paid a reasonable compensation by the county if imprisoned in violation of state law or awaiting trial upon a charge thereof,* and by the city, village or borough if confined for the violation of any ordinance, by-law or police regulation. Such compensation to be paid to the wife, family or dependents of such prisoner, or such other person as the court sentencing him may direct, and shall be in such amount as such court shall determine upon application of the person or official under whose superintendence the work shall be performed and shall be allowed by the board of county commissioners or governing body of the village, borough or city upon such order of the court.

Sec. 2. Labor to be performed under direction of county board.—That Section 5469, Revised Laws of 1905, be amended so as to read as follows:

5469. Whenever a sentence is for violation of a state law, *and the prisoner is confined in a county jail* such labor shall be performed under the direction of the county board, and superintended by the sheriff, who shall furnish necessary materials and tools at the expense of the county, and the county shall be entitled to the benefit thereof. When the sentence is for a violation of an ordinance, by-law, or regulation of a village or city, such labor shall be performed under the direction of its governing body, and superintended by the marshall or

chief of police, who shall furnish the materials at the expense of such village or city, which shall be entitled to the benefit thereof.

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CHAPTER 374—H. F. No. 351.

An Act to define gift enterprise and providing a penalty for carrying on the same.

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

Section 1. **Gift enterprises unlawful.**—All gift enterprises as hereinafter defined and all trade practices carried on in connection therewith are hereby prohibited and declared to be unlawful.

Sec. 2. **Gift enterprise defined.**—Whenever any person for the purpose of inducing the public to subscribe for or buy any newspaper, magazine or periodical, for a valuable consideration, offers and advertises to give a premium gift or prize, or offers and advertises any contest whatever, whereby a premium, gift or prize is to be given to any person or persons procuring such sale or subscription, the person so undertaking and carrying on such scheme or contest and offering such gift, premium or prize shall be deemed to be engaged in a "gift enterprise," unless such premium, gift or prize is absolute and does not depend upon any chance or contingency whatever.

Sec. 3. **Violation a misdemeanor.**—Any person who engages in a gift enterprise such as is defined in this act or who offers or advertises the same in any manner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 4. **"Person" construed.**—The word "person" as used in this act, may in order to make the intent and meaning of this law effective, be construed to mean firm or corporation.

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

Approved April 19, 1913.

CHAPTER 375—H. F. No. 489.

An Act to amend Sub-Division 16 of Section 4317 of the Revised Laws of 1905, relating to exemption of wages.

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

Section 1. **Amount of wages exempt from garnishment for purchase price of necessaries.**—That Sub-division 16 of Section 4317, Revised Laws of 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows :