

tion from nine (9) o'clock a. m. until nine (9) o'clock p. m. No adjournment or intermission whatever, shall be taken except as provided in case of general elections.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 9, 1913.

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CHAPTER 228—S. F. No. 447.

*An Act to amend Sections 2114, 2115, 2117 and 2120, Revised Laws of 1905, relating to commission merchants.*

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

**Section 1. Soliciting of shipments must be preceded by bond and license.**—That Section 2114, Revised Laws of 1905, be and the same is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

"Section 2114. For the purpose of this subdivision, a commission merchant is a person who may receive for sale, for account of the consignor, any agricultural products or farm produce. No person shall sell, or receive or solicit *shipments* of such commodities for sale, without first obtaining a license from the railroad and warehouse commission to carry on the business of a commission merchant and executing and filing with the secretary of state a bond to the state for the benefit of *such* consignors; if the license authorizes the sale of grain the bond shall be not less than four thousand dollars (\$4,000). In either case the railroad and warehouse commission may at any time require such an additional amount of bond as it may deem necessary to protect the consignor."

**Sec. 2. To state where applicant intends to do business—Separate license for each location—Fee of \$2.**—That Section 2115, Revised Laws of 1905, be and the same is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

"Section 2115. The application for license shall be in writing, state the commodities for which license to sell is wanted, *also the cities or other locations in the state where applicant intends to do business*, and give the business address of the applicant and the estimated volume of business to be done monthly. If he desires a license which shall authorize him to sell grain, the bond shall be conditioned that he report to all persons consigning grain to him, and pay to them the proceeds of its sale, less *charges* and actual disbursements; otherwise the bond shall be conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as commission merchant. *Separate licenses and bonds shall be required for each location at which business is to be conducted and said licenses shall be kept posted in the office of the persons so licensed.* All licenses shall expire May 31st, of each year. The

fee for each license shall be *two dollars (\$2.00)*. Such license may be revoked by the commission for cause, upon notice and hearing."

**Sec. 3. Statement of commodities, other than grain, to be reported to railroad and warehouse commission.**—That Section 2117, Revised Laws of 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 2117. Whenever a licensee sells any grain he shall render a true statement in writing to the consignor within twenty-four (24) hours of the amount sold, price received, name and address of purchaser, and the day, hour and minute of the sale, and shall forward vouchers for all charges and expenses. *Whenever consignments of commodities other than grain are sold, the licensee shall render a true statement in writing to the consignor under such reasonable rules as may be prescribed by the railroad and warehouse commission.*"

**Sec. 4. Penalty for failure to comply with above provisions or rules of the commission—Commission given power to investigate.**—That Section 2120, Revised Laws of 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 2120. Any person, persons, firm or corporation engaged in selling any property as herein specified, who fails or neglects to comply with any of the provisions of this act, *or any of the rules of the commission therein provided for*, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof in any court having competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and the railroad and warehouse commission is hereby authorized, either upon such conviction or upon its own findings, after investigation, if the facts warrant it, to cancel the license of any person, persons, firm or corporation, guilty of any violation of law or conduct prejudicial to the interest of those making consignments *for sale*, to such person, persons, firm or corporation. Where a license has been cancelled, the railroad and warehouse commission may refuse to issue any license to such person, persons, firm or corporation for a term of one year.

Whenever requested to do so by any interested shipper, the railroad and warehouse commission shall have power to investigate any sale or transaction carried on by any person, persons, firm or corporation licensed under this act, and for that purpose shall have the right to examine the books and accounts of any licensed commission merchant which in any manner relate to such sale or transaction. Any licensed commission merchant or any agent in charge of such books or accounts who shall fail or refuse to submit such books or accounts for the examination of said railroad and warehouse commission, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

Sec. 5. **Chap. 126, G. L. 1905 repealed.**—Chapter 126 of General Laws of 1905, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 9, 1913.

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#### CHAPTER 229—S. F. No. 471.

*An Act to amend Section 1737, Revised Laws of Minnesota 1905, regarding reports from persons engaged in the purchase, manufacture or sale of dairy products.*

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

Section 1. **Reports from operators of skimming stations, etc., may be required by commissioner.**—Section 1737, Revised Laws of Minnesota 1905, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 1737. Rooms shall be provided in the capitol for the office and laboratory of the commissioner. He may require reports from persons engaged in the *purchase*, manufacture or sale of dairy products, and all owners or operators of *skimming stations or other places engaged in the business of purchasing cream*, or operators of creameries and cheese factories, shall on March first (1st) in each year and at such other times as he may fix, send to him a full and accurate report of the amount of business done during the year preceding, together with such other statistical information as he may require.”

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 9, 1913.

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#### CHAPTER 230—S. F. No. 472.

*An Act to amend Chapter 468, General Laws 1909, to prevent unlawful discrimination in the sale of milk, cream, butterfat and to provide a punishment for the same.*

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

Section 1. **Unfair discrimination in sale of milk, cream, etc., prohibited.**—Any person, firm, co-partnership or corporation engaged in the business of buying milk, cream or butterfat for the purpose of manufacture who shall, with the intention of creating a monopoly or destroying the business of a competitor, discriminate between different sections, localities, communities or cities of this state by purchasing such commodity at a higher