

of deeds of the proper county, and in all cases where such chattel mortgages have heretofore been actually filed in the office of the clerk or recorder of the proper town or municipality, all such chattel mortgages and the filing thereof are hereby legalized and confirmed. All of such instruments so filed shall in all respects have the same force and effect as they would have if such original instrument at the time they were so filed had been duly attested by two subscribing witnesses, and duly certified copies thereof may be read in evidence in any court in this state with the same effect as the original.

Provided, that nothing in this act shall be held to apply to any action heretofore commenced or now pending in any court in this state; nor in any manner apply to any one in good faith acquiring any interest in any property included in any such mortgage subsequent to the delivery of such mortgage, and prior to the taking effect of this act.

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

Approved April 24, 1915.

CHAPTER 309—S. F. No. 590.

An Act to amend Chapter 51, General Laws of 1913, being an "Act to prevent fraudulent advertising" and providing for the prosecution and punishment for the violation thereof.

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

Section 1. **Misrepresentation in advertising a misdemeanor.** Any person, firm, corporation or association who, with intent to sell or in any wise dispose of merchandise, securities, service, or anything offered by such person, firm, corporation or association, directly or indirectly, to the public, for sale or distribution, or with intent to increase the consumption thereof, or to induce the public in any manner to enter into any obligation relating thereto, or to acquire title thereto, or any interest therein, makes, publishes, disseminates, circulates, or places before the public, or causes, directly or indirectly, to be made, published, disseminated, circulated, or placed before the public, in this state, in a newspaper or other publication, or in the form of a book, notice, handbill, poster, bill, label, circular, pamphlet, or letter, or in any other way, an advertisement of any sort regarding merchandise, securities, service or anything so offered to the public, which advertisement contains any assertion, representation or statement of fact which is untrue, deceptive or misleading, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. **To be enforced by dairy and food commissioner.**—*The duty of a strict observance and enforcement of this law and*

prosecution for any violation thereof is hereby expressly imposed upon the Dairy and Food Commission of the State of Minnesota, and it shall be the duty of the county attorney of any county wherein a violation of this act shall have occurred, upon complaint being made to him, to prosecute any person violating any of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 310—S. F. No. 630.

An Act to promote the development of suburban railroads and allowing them upon just compensation the joint use of other street railway tracks and accessories in cities and villages.

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

Section 1. **Suburban railways may be granted franchise for carrying freight, etc.**—The governing body of any city or village may by a revocable license, or by a franchise duly approved by the electors in accordance with its charter, permit a suburban railway using other than steam power to enter such city or village for the purpose of carrying passengers, baggage and light freight. Such license or franchise shall specify its terms and conditions and shall designate the route to be followed, but shall not be construed as a contract between the parties.

Sec. 2. **Compensation to be fixed by railroad commission.**—Where the designated route is already provided with tracks and other equipments, said suburban railway and the corporation owning or controlling said tracks and equipments may enter into an agreement for the joint use thereof upon equitable terms. Upon the failure of the interested parties to agree among themselves, the State Railroad and Warehouse Commission, when applied to by either party or by the city or village council, shall hear the matter and by an order fix the rate of compensation to be paid by such suburban railways for the use of the tracks, overhead wires, electric current and other accessories to be used in the operation of such suburban railway under the schedule established and the license or franchise granted by such city or village, and such suburban railway shall thereupon be entitled to the use of said tracks, overhead wires, electric current and other accessories under the terms of said order, and may enforce said right by mandamus proceedings in the courts of this state.

Sec. 3. **Cars and equipment to be furnished by suburban railways.**—That said suburban railways shall provide for operation within such city or village limits, cars and equipment substantially similar to the cars and equipment used by the street