

titled to receive a fee of fifty cents, to be paid by the applicant; *for a transcript from the public record of births he shall be entitled to a fee of twenty-five cents, to be paid in like manner.* Such copy of the record of a birth or death, when certified by the state or local registrar to be a true transcript therefrom, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated in all courts in this state. The state registrar shall keep a correct account of all fees or moneys received by him under the provisions of this act, and pay the same over to the state treasurer at the end of each month.

Sec. 6. Penalties.—Section 4662, general statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

4662. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act, or shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform any duty imposed upon him thereby, *or shall furnish false information affecting any certificate or record provided in this chapter, or who shall disclose any information in violation of section 4660-B or 4661,* shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not more than ninety days.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the 1st day of January, 1918.

Approved April 14, 1917.

CHAPTER 221—H. F. No. 1185.

An act to amend Section 6542, General Statutes, 1913, so as to take away certain power therein granted to parents to assign the custody of their children to certain corporations.

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

Section 1. Powers of societies in connection with custody of children.—Section 6542, general statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

6542. Every such society may receive and become the legal guardian of any resident child under ten years of age, who is grossly illtreated, or who has been abandoned, or is without a home, or surrounded by bad or immoral influences. It may contract in writing with any person who, after ninety days' trial, shall take, without adopting, any such child, for its proper care until sixteen years of age if a girl, and eighteen if a boy. Such contract shall also specify the amount to be paid to such child at the expiration thereof, but shall contain no provision for its political or sectarian training or education. *Such contract shall not interfere with the adoption of said child according to law.*

Approved April 12, 1917.