

## CHAPTER 241—S. F. No. 912.

*An act to amend Section 8705, General Statutes, 1913, relating to the sale and distribution of obscene literature.*

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

Section 1. **Gross misdemeanor for selling or distributing obscene literature.**—Section 8705, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

8705. Every person who—

1. Shall sell, lend, give away, or offer to give away, show, have in his possession with intent to sell, give away, show, advertise, or otherwise offer for loan, gift, sale, or distribution, any obscene or indecent book, magazine, pamphlet, newspaper, story paper, writing, picture, drawing, photograph, or any article or instrument of indecent or immoral character; or who shall design, copy, draw, photograph, print, utter, publish, or otherwise prepare such a book, picture, drawing, paper, or other article; or write or print, or cause to be written or printed a circular, advertisement, or notice of any kind, or give oral information stating when, where, how, or of whom or by what means such an indecent or obscene article or thing can be purchased or obtained; or

2. Shall exhibit upon any public road, street, or other place within view of any minor any of the books, papers, or other things hereinbefore enumerated; or

3. Shall hire, use, or employ any minor to sell or give away, or in any manner distribute, or shall permit any minor in his custody or control to sell, give away, or in any manner distribute, any of the articles hereinbefore mentioned—

Shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor, and be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year nor less than ninety days, or by a fine not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by both.

Approved April 14, 1917.

## CHAPTER 242—S. F. No. 913.

*An act to protect children under the age of eighteen years from contact with certain contaminating literature.*

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

Section 1. **Distribution of certain literature among minors prohibited.**—No person shall sell, lend, give away, show, advertise or otherwise offer for loan, gift, sale or distribution to any minor under the age of eighteen years, any book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper or other printed paper devoted to the publication or largely made up of criminal news, police reports, accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures or stories of deeds of

bloodshed, lust or crime; nor shall any person hire, use or employ a minor under the age of eighteen years to sell or give away, or in any manner distribute, or permit any such minor in his custody or control to sell, give away or in any manner distribute, any material herein described.

Sec. 2. **Penalty.**—Any person who violates any provision of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 243—S. F. No. 914.

*An act to amend Section 8770, General Statutes, 1913, relating to the manufacture, sale and possession of dangerous weapons.*

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

Section 1. **Manufacturing or sale of certain weapons prohibited under penalty of gross misdemeanor.**—Section 8770, General Statutes, 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

8770. Every person who shall manufacture, or cause to be manufactured, sell, keep for sale, offer, or dispose of, any instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as a slung-shot, sand-club, or metal knuckles; or who shall attempt to use against another, or with intent so to use, shall carry, conceal, or possess, any of the weapons hereinbefore specified, or any dagger, dirk, knife, pistol, or other dangerous weapon, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor. The possession by any person, other than a public officer, of any such weapon concealed or furtively carried on the person shall be presumptive evidence of carrying, concealing, or possessing with intent to use the same.

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CHAPTER 244—S. F. No. 915.

*An act regulating the sale of firearms and ammunition.*

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

Section 1. **Selling of firearms and ammunition prohibited in certain cases.**—No person, in any city in this state, shall sell, give, loan or in any wise furnish any firearm or ammunition to a minor under the age of eighteen years without the written consent of his parents or guardian, or of a police officer or magistrate of such city.

Sec. 2. **Penalty.**—Any person who violates any provision of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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