

## CHAPTER 318—H. F. No. 616.

*An act providing for the registration and preservation of highway trails in the state of Minnesota, and prescribing a penalty for the violation thereof.*

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

**Section 1. Registration of highway trails with state highway commissioner.**—Any corporation or association organized to promote the improvement, marking or blazing of any continuous highway, not less than twenty-five miles of which is in the state of Minnesota, may, by making application to the state highway commission, register in the office of said commission the name, detailed route, color, combination and design used in marking said highway as a trail. The highway commission shall have the power to determine priority of right in the use of the said name, color, combination and design.

**Sec. 2. Application to be accompanied by registration fee of \$5.**—The application shall be in the form prescribed by the highway commission upon blanks furnished by it, and shall be properly acknowledged by the president and secretary of the corporation or association before any officer authorized to administer oaths. Each such application shall be accompanied by a registration fee of \$5.00, which fee shall be returned if the application be not granted.

**Sec. 3. Highway commissioner to issue a certificate and condition of same.**—If the state highway commission shall after investigation adjudge the application to be meritorious and the highway and trail to be worthy of the protection of this act, it shall issue to the corporation or association a certificate which shall designate in detail the starting and the terminal points, the color, combination and design to be used in marking and designating such highway as a trail; all such facts shall be recorded as a part of the permanent records of the commission, in a book to be kept for that purpose. Said corporation or association shall have the exclusive right to the use of such name, color, combination and design in trail or highway designation and marking.

**Sec. 4. Unlawful for other person or corporation to use same color combination and design.**—It shall be unlawful for anyone other than the corporation or association to whom such certificate is issued, to use for similar or like purpose the name or any recorded color, combination and design herein referred to.

**Sec. 5. Misdemeanor for injury or defacing sign boards, etc.**—Any person who shall injure or deface any signboard, distance marker, design or other marking designating highways or trails established in accordance with this act, shall be guilty of

a misdemeanor. It shall be the duty of the state highway commission, on satisfactory proof that any signboard, distance marker or other marking established by any such association under the provisions of this act is misleading or untrue, to order the removal of such signboard, distance marker or other marking, and any association which shall fail to comply with any such order within thirty days after notice thereof shall forfeit its right to the exclusive use of any design registered under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. **Cancellation of name, etc.**—When any such corporation or association shall cease to exist, or when the interest in any such designated highway or trail, name and markings has ceased, the state highway commission may, after proper investigation, cancel the records and registration herein referred to, and re-assign such name, color, combination, designs or other markings to any other corporation or association making application for their use.

Sec. 7. **Fees to be credited to road and bridge fund.**—All fees received by the state highway commission under this act shall be turned into the state treasury, and shall be credited to the state road and bridge fund.

Sec. 8. **Violation a misdemeanor.**—Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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#### CHAPTER 319—H. F. No. 617.

*An act to amend Section 9267 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, so as to empower the trial court to fix the maximum term of imprisonment in imposing the sentence upon the persons convicted of crime, and to repeal Section 9268 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913.*

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

Section 1. **Maximum term of imprisonment authorized in certain cases.**—Section 9267 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 9267. Whenever any person is convicted of any felony or crime committed after the passage of this act, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison or state reformatory, except treason or murder in the first or second degree as defined by law, the court in imposing sentence shall not fix a definite term of imprisonment, but may fix in said sentence the maximum term of such imprisonment, and shall sentence every such person to the state reformatory or to the state prison, as the case