

authority, and it is hereby made its duty, after having given reasonable notice and upon hearing being had, to make, publish and enforce from time to time such reasonable and just rules and regulations for the distribution of cars at stations for the transportation of livestock, grain and other farm products, among the shippers whether located upon a certain railroad line or lines, or customarily dependent upon such railroad line for their car supply.

**Sec. 2. Carriers to apportion cars.**—During any period when the supply of cars available for such service does not meet the requirements of the shippers, it shall be the duty of the carrier to maintain and apply just and reasonable ratings of such shippers to the extent that cars are available, and to count each and every car furnished to or used by such shippers against such shippers.

**Sec. 3. Violations and penalties.**—Failure or refusal to do so shall be unlawful, and in respect to each car not so counted shall be deemed a separate offense, and the carrier, receiver or operating trustee so failing or refusing, upon conviction, shall be fined \$100. for each offense; provided, however, that when necessity is found to exist, of which the Commission is advised, either by its own investigation, which it may make at any time, or by hearing on complaint of any shipper, or railroad company, the Commission may, by special order, require the railroad company on whose railroad such necessity is found to exist, to depart to the extent provided in such order, from the application of this act or any rule or rules formulated and established under the same.

**Sec. 4.** This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 15, 1921.

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#### CHAPTER 308—H. F. No. 607.

*An act legalizing appropriations and expenditures made by villages for celebrating Independence Day.*

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

**Section 1. Certain appropriations and expenditures legalized.**—In all cases where the council of any village in this state has heretofore between the months of May and September 1919, appropriated out of the general funds of said village any money for celebrating Independence Day in said village, and village orders have been issued therefor and paid and the funds used for said purpose, the acts of such village in making such appropriation and issuing such orders and paying the same are hereby legalized in all respects, the same as if such village council had original authority to make such appropriation

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

Approved April 15, 1921.