

amount as shall hereafter become due and payable by said company or its successor, upon its gross earnings, in lieu of taxes, and so adjust and settle the same.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. When act to take effect.

Approved February 15, 1877.

CHAPTER 127.

AN ACT TO PUNISH THE ABDUCTION OF UNMARRIED WOMEN FROM THEIR HOMES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROSTITUTION.

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

SECTION 1. Any person who shall inveigle, entice or take away any unmarried female of previous chaste character, under the age of twenty-five (25) years, from her father's home or wherever else she may be, for the purpose of prostitution at a house of ill-fame, assignation or elsewhere, and every person who shall aid or assist in such abduction for such purpose shall be guilty of a felony, and shall upon conviction thereof be punished by imprisonment in the State prison not exceeding five (5) years. *Provided*, that no conviction shall be had under the provisions of this act on the testimony of the female so inveigled or enticed away, unsupported by other evidence, nor unless an indictment shall be found within two (2) years after the commission of the offense. Abduction of females for prostitution—how punished.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. When act to take effect.

Approved February 7, 1877.