

Chapter 90,  
Law of 1876,  
amended.

Relating to in-  
spected oils at  
railroad or  
river stations.

Summary in-  
spection au-  
thorized.

Penalty for re-  
filling branded  
barrels.

When act to  
take effect.

of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and sev-  
ty-six (1876), be amended so as to read as follows :

Sec. 8. All oils in quantities less than ten (10) barrels,  
shall be inspected at a railroad or river station, unless the  
party requesting such inspection shall pay the inspector in  
advance, ten (10) cents per mile for each mile necessarily  
traveled in making such inspection, to be computed from  
the place of residence of said inspector, in addition to the  
compensation heretofore provided by law. Said inspector,  
and each of his deputies, is also authorized and empowered to  
enter, during business hours, into any store, shop, yard, or  
warehouse, in which he believes such oils, uninspected or  
unsafe for illuminating purposes are found, and inspect and  
test such oils, marking the package inspected as hereinbefore  
provided. Any person or persons who shall sell or refill an  
empty cask or barrel having the inspector's brand, "ap-  
proved," thereon, without first erasing the brand, shall be  
guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to the penalty  
provided in the last part of section four (4) of this act.

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

Approved February 24, 1877.

### CHAPTER 73.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION FOUR (4) OF CHAPTER TWENTY-  
FOUR (24) OF GENERAL LAWS OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT  
HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX (1876), ENTITLED "AN ACT  
TO COMPEL ALL RAILROAD COMPANIES WITHIN THIS  
STATE TO BUILD PROPER CATTLE GUARDS AND FENCES."

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

SECTION 1. That section four (4) of chapter twenty-four  
(24) of the General Laws of the State for the year one thou-  
sand eight hundred and seventy-six (1876), be and the same  
is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Sec. 4. Any company or corporation operating a line of

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railroad in this State, and which company or corporation has failed or neglected to fence said road and to erect crossings and cattle guards, and maintain such fences, crossings and cattle guards, shall hereafter be liable for all damages sustained by any person in consequence of such failure or neglect.

Liability of companies operating railroads, for damages.

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

When act to take effect.

Approved March 1, 1877.

CHAPTER 74.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

CHAPTER I.

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

SECTION 1. Every common school district in this State, now established, or which may be hereafter formed, set off or established, and every independent and special school district now organized or created, or that may hereafter be organized or created under any law of this State, is hereby declared to be a body corporate, with power to contract or be contracted with, sue and be sued, in any court of this State having competent jurisdiction.

Districts bodies corporate.

Every common school district shall be such body corporate under the name of school district number . . . . . in the county of . . . . . Every independent school district shall be such body corporate under the name which has been or may be adopted by such district ; and every school district, organized under any special act of the Legislature, by the name designated in its charter or act of incorporation.

Every school district shall be presumed to have been legally organized when it shall have exercised the franchises and privileges of a district for the term of one year.

All schools supported, wholly or in part, by State school funds, shall be styled the public schools, and admission to them shall be free and without charge to all persons between the ages of five and twenty-one years, residing in the district.

SEC. 2. School districts shall be classified as follows :