

CHAPTER 54.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION SEVEN (7) OF TITLE THREE (3) OF CHAPTER ONE (1) OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO, (1872) RELATING TO INSURANCE.

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

SECTION 1. That section seven (7) of title three (3) of chapter one (1) of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, (1872) be amended so as to read as follows:

Renewal
certificates to
be obtained.

Section 7. No person shall act as agent in this State for any company not of this State, in any matter whatever relating to risk, until the last section has been complied with on the part of the company, and he has received from the insurance Commissioner an agent's certificate of authority stating that the foregoing requirements have been complied with, a record of the issuance of which certificate shall be kept in the office of the Commissioner. Renewal certificates must be obtained by agents within sixty days from the first day of January in each year. Any person acting as agent of an insurance company or doing or attempting to do business in any way relating to obtaining insurance in this State for any insurance company or companies without such agent's certificate of authority in violation of this section, or after said certificate shall have been revoked, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be subject to a fine, on conviction, of not less than twenty-five (25) or more than one hundred (100) dollars for each offense, to be paid into the treasury of the county where the offense was committed. In case of the non-payment of any such fine the court shall have power to punish the offending party by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding three months. It shall be the duty of the Insurance Commissioner to notify the County Attorney of the proper county, in writing, of any offense under this section which may come to his knowledge; and it shall thereupon become the duty of such County Attorney to at once cause proceedings to be instituted for the punishment thereof. All persons or agents soliciting fire or inland risks in this State, shall be residents of this State; but this section shall not be construed to apply to special or general agents of insurance companies not soliciting risks.

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

Approved March 10, 1879.