

CHAPTER 75.

AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN WITHIN THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA.*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. Any person having the care, custody or control of any child under the age of fourteen (14) years, who shall exhibit, use or employ, for the purposes hereinafter named, or who shall in any manner or under any pretense, sell, apprentice, give away, or let out, or otherwise dispose of any such child, to any person, in or for the vocation, occupation, service or purpose of begging, or as a gymnast, contortionist, rider or acrobat, in any place whatsoever; or for or in any obscene, indecent, or immoral purpose, exhibition, or practice whatsoever; or for or in any business, exhibition or vocation injurious to the health or dangerous to the life or limb of such child; or who shall cause, procure, or encourage any such child to engage therein, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty (50) nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250), or by imprisonment in the State Prison or county jail, for a term not exceeding two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Nothing in this section contained shall apply to or affect the employment or use of any such child as a singer or musician in any church, school, or academy, or the teaching or learning the science or practice of music; nor the employment of any child as a musician at any concert or entertainment.

Improper employment of children forbidden.

Penalty.

Exception.

SEC. 2. Every person who shall take, receive, hire, employ, use, exhibit, or have in custody, any child under the age, and for any of the purposes mentioned in the preceding section, shall be guilty of a like offence, and be punished by a like punishment as therein provided.

Penalty of employee.

SEC. 3. When, upon examination before any court or magistrate, it shall appear that any child within the age previously mentioned in this act, was engaged or used for or in any business or exhibition, or vocation, or purpose designated and as mentioned in this act; and when, upon the conviction of any person having the custody of a child, of a criminal assault upon it, the court or magistrate before whom such conviction is had, shall deem it desirable for the welfare of such child that the person so convicted should be deprived of its custody thereafter, such court or magistrate may commit

Custody of child.

such child to an orphan asylum, charitable or other institution, or make such other disposition thereof as now is or hereinafter may be provided by law, in cases of vagrant, truant, disorderly, pauper or destitute children.

Care of health
and life of
child.

SEC. 4. Whoever shall wilfully cause or permit any child to suffer, or who shall inflict thereon unjustifiable physical pain or mental suffering; and whoever, having the care or custody of any child, shall wilfully cause or permit the life of such child to be endangered, or the health of such child to be injured; or who shall wilfully cause or permit such child to be placed in such a situation that its life may be endangered, or its health shall be likely to be injured, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten (10) no more than one hundred dollars (\$100), and shall be committed to the county jail until such fine is paid, not exceeding ninety (90) days.

Fines to inure
to whom.

SEC. 5. All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected in any county in this state, under the provisions of this and of every act passed relating to or affecting children, in every case where the prosecution was instituted or conducted by the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or any of its branches, shall enure to such society, in aid of the purposes for which it was incorporated.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 18, 1879.

CHAPTER 76.

AN ACT TO PROMOTE IMMIGRATION.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a State Board of Immigration which shall consist of the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Clerk of the Supreme Court and Dillon O'Brien.

Duty of board.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Immigration, created by section one, (1) of this act, to publish or cause to be published a pamphlet treating of and describing the developed and undeveloped resources of this State, and to do everything which in their judgment may enhance and encourage immigration into this State, and the said Board may have printed from time to time such numbers of said pamphlet in any language as may in their judgment best serve the interest of the State.