

## CHAPTER 128.

AN ACT TO PREVENT SETTING FIRE TO WOODS, PRAIRIES, OR OTHER GROUNDS, AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER THIRTY-SIX (36) OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF MINNESOTA FOR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SEVEN (1877) IN RELATION THERETO.

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

SECTION 1. Whoever willfully and intentionally or negligently and carelessly sets on fire any woods, prairies or other grounds, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5), nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100), together with the costs of prosecution; and, in default of payment thereof, shall be committed to the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90); but this shall not extend to any person who sets on fire any prairie or other grounds on, or adjoining his own improved farm, inclosure or timber, for the necessary protection thereof from any prairie or other fire which shall be approaching his farm, inclosure or timber and threatening immediate injury thereto; *provided*, that this act shall not be construed to take away any civil remedy which any person may be entitled to for any injury done or received in consequence of any such setting of fire.

SEC. 2. Section three (3), chapter thirty-six (36), of the general laws of Minnesota for eighteen hundred and seventy-seven (1877), the same being sections sixty-seven (67), sixty-eight (68), sixty-nine (69), seventy (70), seventy-one (71) and seventy-two (72) of the general statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight (1878), is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 8, 1883.