

railroad and warehouse commission of this state, which is hereby authorized and required, after hearing the parties, to fix the location and the terms and conditions upon which such railroad company shall be compelled to locate, build, maintain and operate such side track and switch, and the decision of the railroad and warehouse commission in relation thereto shall be accepted and received as an administrative order, made pursuant to section ten of chapter ten of the general laws of Minnesota of 1887, and shall be enforced as all other administrative orders as are in said act provided.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 15, 1893.

## CHAPTER 66.

H. F. No. 878.

Railroad tick-  
ets.

*An act to regulate the sale and redemption of transportation tickets of common carriers, and to provide punishment for violation of the same.*

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

Agents' certifi-  
cates for sale of  
tickets.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the owners of any railroad or steamboat for the transportation of passengers to provide each agent who may be authorized to sell within the state, tickets or other evidence entitling the holder thereof to travel upon his or their railroad or steamboat, with a certificate setting forth the authority of such agent to make such sales, which certificate shall be duly attested by the corporate seal of any corporate owner of such railroad or steamboat, and shall, for the information of travelers, be kept posted in a conspicuous place in the office of such agent. After issue of such certificate, as aforesaid, such agent or superintendent or general officer of such owners shall, within ten days thereafter, exhibit the same to the secretary of state of Minnesota, and at the same time shall pay to said secretary of state a license fee of three dollars, whereupon said secretary of state shall issue to such agent so presenting said certificate, a license under the seal of the state of Minnesota, authorizing such agent to engage in the business of selling transportation tickets of said common carrier, and said license so issued to such agent by said secretary of state shall also be kept posted in a conspicuous place in the office of such agent for the information of travelers and of the public.

State license to  
agents.

Only certified  
agents to sell  
tickets.

SEC. 2. It shall not be lawful for any person not in the possession of such certificate and license so posted as aforesaid to sell, barter or transfer within this state for any consideration the whole or any part of any ticket or other evidence of the holder's title or right to travel on

said railroad or steamboat, whether such railroad or steamboat be situated, operated or owned within or without the limits of this state.

SEC. 3. Whoever shall violate the provisions of the second section of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or either or both, in the discretion of the court in which such offender shall be convicted.

Penalty for violation.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of every agent residing or acting within this state who shall be authorized to sell therein tickets or other evidence of the holder's title to travel upon any railroad or steamboat, to exhibit to any person desiring to purchase a ticket, or to any officer of the law who may request him so to do, such certificate of his authority thus to sell and such license.

Agents must show certificates.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the owners of every railroad or steamboat situate or operated, in whole or in part, within this state, to redeem immediately upon demand, the whole or any coupon or coupons of any ticket theretofore sold by them, in any manner, which the purchaser for any reason has not used, at cost; in case of a ticket not used, and in case of a coupon of a ticket partially used, at a rate which shall be pro rata per mile, and which shall be equal to the difference between the price paid for the whole distance and the distance for which used portion of said ticket was actually used; provided, that such ticket or coupon or coupons shall be presented for such redemption to any agent authorized as aforesaid; and the sale by any person of such ticket, or of the unused portion of any such ticket or coupon or coupons, otherwise than by the presentation of the same for redemption, as hereinbefore provided, shall be deemed to be a violation of the provisions of this act, and any person guilty of such violation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or either or both in the discretion of the court in which such offender shall be convicted, provided that this act shall not prohibit any person who has purchased from any agent authorized by this act, with a bona fide intention of traveling upon the same the distance between the points named on the said ticket, from selling the unused portion of the same to the company that sold the same; and it shall be the duty of said company to pay for such unused portion of such ticket the difference between the actual fare to points used and the amount paid for such ticket.

Redemption of unused portions of tickets.

SEC. 6. Any person, persons, copartnership or corporation heretofore engaged in carrying on the business of ticket brokerage or "ticket scalping," so-called, may present at any time previous to the date on which this act takes effect, to any common carrier in this state, any unused passage ticket or unused part of the same, here-

Redemption of tickets in hands of brokers.

tofore lawfully sold or issued by such common carrier for redemption, and said common carrier shall immediately redeem such ticket in the same manner and upon the same terms as provided for in section five of this act for the redemption of unused tickets in the hands of the purchasers thereof. Provided, that no such common carrier shall be required to redeem any such ticket or part thereof the time for the use of which has by its terms expired, or which has in any manner been altered, changed or forged.

SEC. 7. Any railroad company or steamboat company which shall by any of its authorized ticket selling agents within this state refuse to redeem any coupon of a ticket, or any ticket as required by section five of this act, shall pay to the state of Minnesota a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars for each offense.

SEC. 8. Whenever any person in the employ of any railroad or steamboat company doing business in this state shall fraudulently neglect to cancel or return to the proper officer of the company or agent of such railroad or steamboat company any coupon or any ticket or pass, with the intent to permit the same to be used in fraud of any railroad company or steamboat company, or if any person shall steal or embezzle any such coupon or other ticket or pass, or shall fraudulently stamp or print or sign any such ticket, coupon or pass, or shall fraudulently sell or put in circulation any such ticket, coupon or pass, said person shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a period not exceeding five years.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the expiration of ninety days after its approval.

Approved April 19, 1893.

## CHAPTER 67.

*An act relating to the change of place of trial of actions, commenced in any court of this state for wages, or money due for labor, or for the enforcement of liens for such labor.*

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

SEC. 1. That in any action hereafter commenced or pending in any court of this state, for wages, or money due for manual labor, or for the enforcement of any lien for such wages, or money, when such action is brought in the county in which such labor was performed, no change of the place of the trial thereof shall be had, without the express consent of the plaintiff in writing duly filed with said court.

Provided, this act shall not apply to change of venue from one justice of the peace to another, or from one municipal court to another, in the same county.

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

Approved April 17, 1893.

Refusal to redeem.

Cancellation of tickets.

In effect July 19, 1893.

E. F. No. 267.

Wages, labor.

Trial of actions.