

## CHAPTER 68.

S. F. No. 332.

*An act to prevent the mutilation of horses.*

Mutilation of horses, prevention of.

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

SECTION 1. Whoever cuts the bony part of the tail of any horse for the purpose of docking the tail, or whoever causes or knowingly permits it to be done for such purpose upon premises of which he is the owner, lessee, proprietor or user, or whoever assists in such cutting for such purpose, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days or by a fine of not less than twenty-five (25) dollars nor more than one hundred (100) dollars.

Docking by cutting bone, punishment for.

SEC. 2. If a horse is found with its tail so cut and the wound resulting from such cut unhealed, upon the premises of any person, such fact shall constitute prima facie evidence that the person who occupies or has the use of the premises on which such horse is so found has committed the offense described in section one.

Horse with tail cut on premises prima facie case that occupant did it.

SEC. 3. If a horse is found with its tail so cut, with the wound resulting from such cutting unhealed, in the custody of any person, such fact shall constitute prima facie evidence that the person having the charge or custody of such horse has committed the offense charged in section one.

Horse with tail cut, prima facie evidence against person in possession.

SEC. 4. All fines collected under this act upon or resulting from the complaint or information of any officer or agent of the Minnesota Society for Prevention of Cruelty, or of any of the local societies for the prevention of cruelty now existing, or which may hereafter exist under authority of the laws of this state, shall be forthwith paid over by the court, to whom such fine shall be paid, to the society whose officer or agent who made the complaint or furnished the information for the prosecution in aid of the benevolent objects for which such society was incorporated or organized.

Fines to be paid to society for prevention of cruelty.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 18, 1899.