

CHAPTER 207.

H. F. No. 793.

An act providing for the isolation of persons convicted of, or charged with crime, from idle public gaze, by requiring the use of covered vehicles and patrol wagons for their conveyance, and providing penalties for omission to obey the provisions hereof.

Patrol
wagons.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any public official, or any person acting as such, in the State of Minnesota, in cities having a population of more than 50,000 inhabitants, shall have the care and custody of persons either charged with, or convicted of crime, in transferring said persons from one place of trial, hearing or detention to another such place, or in transferring said persons to a place of trial, hearing or detention, and the said transfer or transfers are made in a public vehicle, or at the expense of the public in any vehicle, it is hereby declared the duty of such public official to provide a closed conveyance for such transfer, wherein said person or persons so transferred shall be safe from the general gaze. Said vehicle shall be closed at the sides, front and rear, with only such apertures as may be necessary for the admision of light and air.

In cities
of over
50,000 to
be closed.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons who shall hereafter transfer any such prisoner or prisoners in any vehicle not so closed from public view, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and shall upon trial and conviction thereof be punished therefor as by law provided.

Misdemeanor.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of February, 1904.

Approved April 14, 1903.