

by the seller in connection with such sales entitling the purchaser of such property to receive such prizes or gifts from any other party to such scheme, the parties so undertaking and carrying out such scheme shall be deemed to be engaged in a "gift enterprise," unless the articles or things so promised to be given as gifts or premiums with or on account of such purchases, shall be definitely described on such stamp or ticket and the character and value of such promised prize or gift fully made known to the purchaser of such merchandise or other property at the time of the sale thereof, and unless the right of the holder of such stamp or ticket to the gift or premium so promised, becomes absolute upon the completion upon the delivery thereof without the holder being required to collect any specified number of other similar stamps or tickets and to present them for redemption together, and the right of the holder of such stamp or ticket to the prize or gift so offered is absolute, and does not depend on any chance uncertainty or contingency whatever.

**Violation a misdemeanor.**—Sec. 3. Any person who engages in a gift enterprise such as is defined in this act or who advertises the same in any manner, or who in furtherance of such scheme, as an inducement to purchasers issues in connection with the sale of any merchandise or other property any such ticket or stamp purporting to be redeemable in some indefinite article not described thereon, only when presented with a collection of other stamps or tickets of like kind, by some other party to such scheme, and which, unless presented in the manner aforesaid is not redeemable at all, shall each and all be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Word "person" defined.**—Sec. 4. The word "person" as used in this act, may in proper cases in order to make the intent and meaning of the law effective, be construed to mean firm or corporation.

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

Approved April 5, 1909.

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CHAPTER 143.—H. F. No. 7. .

*An Act to amend Section Two Thousand and Forty-three (2043) of the Revised Laws of the State of Minnesota for 1905, relating to licenses for ticket agents.*

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

**Common carriers to file list of transportation agents twice each year.**—Section 1. Section two thousand and forty-three (2043) of the Revised Laws of the state of Minnesota for 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

2043. Every corporation, common carrier, firm, or person, operating any line of railroad, steamboat line, or steamboat, shall furnish to each of its authorized ticket agents a certificate of agency duly signed by or on behalf of such carrier, and, in case of a corporation, attested by its corporate seal.

Upon presentation of such certificate and payment of a license fee of three dollars, the secretary of state shall issue to such agent a license to sell transportation tickets for such carrier.

Such certificate and license shall be kept conspicuously posted in the office of such agent, and no person not so licensed shall sell any ticket or other evidence of right to passenger transportation.

It is hereby made the duty of every corporation, common carrier, firm, or person operating any line of railroad, steamboat line or steamboat, on or before the first day of January, July of each year, to file with the secretary of state, a duly authenticated list of its ticket agents in this state.

Any person not so licensed who shall sell, barter, or otherwise transfer any such ticket or other evidence of right to passenger transportation or any part thereof, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Provided, however, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to persons, firms or corporations operating street railways, electric railroads or power boats in connection therewith.

Approved April 6, 1909.

#### CHAPTER 144.—H. F. No. 147.

*An Act to appropriate money for deficiency aid to Public School Libraries for the Fiscal Year ending July 31, 1909, and to amend Section 1426, Revised Laws 1905, relating to standing appropriations for school libraries and text books.*

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

**No further purchases to be made when appropriation is exhausted.**—Section 1. That the sum of eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for deficiency aid for public school libraries, to be available at once.

Sec. 2. 1426. Standing appropriation.—The sum of ten thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 1424-1425 is hereby annually appro-