

THE *J. Rogers*  
GENERAL STATUTES

OF THE

STATE OF MINNESOTA:

REVISED BY COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED UNDER AN ACT APPROVED FEBRUARY 17, 1868, AND  
ACTS SUBSEQUENT THERETO, AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATURE,  
AND PASSED AT THE SESSION OF 1866.

TO WHICH

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE ORGANIC ACT, THE  
ACT AUTHORIZING A STATE GOVERNMENT, AND THE  
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA,

ARE PREFIXED;

AND A LIST OF ACTS PREVIOUSLY REPEALED,

A GLOSSARY, AND INDEX, ARE ADDED.

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or town, or upon any bridge which has been or may be erected by any individual, and upon which the notice hereinafter prescribed is conspicuously displayed, faster than a walk, shall forfeit and pay for the use and benefit of the county wherein such bridge is located, in whole or in part, as a penalty therefor, the sum of not less than five nor more than ten dollars for each and every such offense.

Proceedings when complaint is made to justice

SEC. 72. Upon complaint made to any justice of the peace, in any county where such bridge is located in whole or in part, that any such offense has been committed, such justice shall examine the complainant on oath, and if it appears that such offense has been committed, the said justice shall issue his warrant reciting the substance of the complaint, requiring the officer, to whom it is directed, forthwith to arrest the accused, and to bring him before such justice, or some other justice of the same county, to be dealt with according to law. If the name of the person committing the offense is not known to the complainant or the justice, the complainant may give the justice such description as may enable the person accused to be identified, and the warrant shall recite such description, and shall justify the officer to whom it is directed in arresting the person described, and bringing him before the justice.

Judgment on conviction.

SEC. 73. In all cases of conviction under the provisions aforesaid, the justice shall enter judgment for the fine and costs against the defendant, and may commit him until the judgment is satisfied, or issue execution upon the judgment to the use of the county.

Signboard must be posted on bridge.

SEC. 74. No fine shall be imposed under the provisions aforesaid, unless there was at each end of said bridge, at the time when such offense was committed, a conspicuous signboard, upon which was painted the following words and figures: "\$10 fine for riding or driving on this bridge faster than a walk."

Penalty for running toll bridge.

SEC. 75. Whenever any bridge or ferry company or individual is authorized by law to collect toll for the crossing of any bridge or ferry belonging to such company or individual, any person who willfully runs the toll gate of such company or individual, and passes over such bridge or ferry with the intention of avoiding the payment of the toll prescribed by law, or who refuses to pay such toll when thereto lawfully requested, shall forfeit and pay for the use and benefit of the county wherein such bridge or ferry is located, a fine of five dollars for each and every such offense, which fine shall be prosecuted and collected, together with costs, in the same manner as the penalties prescribed in the preceding sections.

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SECTION 1. When persons meet each other on any bridge or road, traveling with carriages, wagons, sleds, sleighs, or other vehicles, each person shall seasonably drive his carriage or other vehicle to the right of the middle of the traveled part of such bridge or road, so that the respective carriages; or other vehicles may pass each other without interference.

Persons with vehicles meeting to turn to the right.

SEC. 2. The driver of a carriage or other vehicle, passing a carriage or other vehicle traveling in the same direction, shall drive to the left of the middle of the traveled part of a bridge or road, and if the bridge or road is of sufficient width for the two vehicles to pass, the driver of the leading one shall not willfully obstruct the same.

Driver passing vehicles to drive to the left.

SEC. 3. No person owning or having the direction or control of any coach or other vehicle, running or traveling upon any road in this state, for the conveyance of passengers, shall employ or keep in employment any person to drive such coach or other vehicle, who is addicted to drunkenness, or to the excessive use of intoxicating liquors.

Employment of intemperate drivers—penalty.

SEC. 4. Whoever offends against the provisions of the preceding sections shall for each offense forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, and be further liable to any party for all damages sustained by reason of such offense: *provided*, that every complaint therefor shall be made within three months after the offense is committed, and that every action for damages shall be commenced within twelve months after the cause of action accrues.

Penalty for violation of preceding sections.

SEC. 5. No driver of a carriage or other vehicle used for the conveyance of passengers, shall leave the horses attached thereto, while any passenger remains in or upon the same, without making such horses fast with a sufficient halter, rope or chain, or without some suitable person to take the charge or guidance of them, so as to prevent their running; and if any such driver violates the provisions of this section, he and his employer, jointly and severally, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty dollars; but no prosecution shall be commenced therefor after the expiration of three months from the time of committing the offense.

Driver not to leave horses without fastening them—penalty in case of neglect.

SEC. 6. The owners of every carriage or other vehicle running or traveling upon any road or public highway, for the conveyance of passengers for hire, shall be liable jointly and severally, to the party injured, for all injuries and damages done by any person in the employment of such owners as a driver, while driving such carriage, whether the act occasioning such injury or damage is willful, negligent or otherwise.

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