

S. F. No. 509.

## CHAPTER 177.

*An act providing a penalty for the giving of a rebate, or other favor by any common carrier for the transportation of freight and a penalty for any person receiving the same.*

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

Penalty for  
giving  
rebates.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any common carrier in this state, by any special rate, rebate, drawback, or other device to directly or indirectly charge, demand, collect or receive from any person, firm or corporation a greater or less compensation for any service rendered in the transportation of any property within this state than its regular established schedule of rates and charges for like and contemporaneous service for any other person or for the public generally; and it shall be unlawful for any such common carrier directly or indirectly to offer or give any shipper in connection with, or as an inducement or reward for receiving any property for transportation from any such shipper, any gift, gratuity or free pass whereby any passenger or freight shall thereafter be transported over the lines of such common carrier free, or at any rate less than that offered to the public, and in either such case such common carrier shall be deemed guilty of unjust discrimination and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars. And any person who shall knowingly either for himself or for any firm or corporation directly or indirectly receive from any common carrier any such reduction of rate, rebate, gratuity or other favor as is herein declared to be an unjust discrimination by such common carrier shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Fine.

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

Approved April 14, 1905.