

may be recovered in an action of debt in the name of the people of the state of North Dakota, and a preponderance of evidence in favor of the state shall be sufficient to authorize a verdict and judgment for the state.

§ 13. WHO DEEMED GUILTY OF VIOLATION.] All agreements between corporations, associations, or individuals seeking to control or regulate the price of any article of merchandise or any material to be used for constructive purposes, and all combinations between persons, firms, or corporations bidding for the doing of work of any kind or description to be let by the state, any firm, co-partnership, corporation or individual within this state seeking to control or regulate the price at which said work shall be taken or the bids to be made therefor by different firms, co-partnerships, corporations or individuals, shall be considered as a violation of section 1 of this act and punished accordingly, and it shall be the duty of the attorney general to enforce the provisions of this section in the same manner as that hereinbefore provided for enforcing the provisions of this act.

Approved March 13, 1905.

UNLAWFUL OBLIGATIONS.

CHAPTER 189.

[S. B. No. 50—Stade.]

PATENT RIGHT NOTES.

AN ACT to Amend Chapter 206 of the Session Laws of 1901, Amending Section 7671 of the Revised Codes of 1899, Relating to Unlawful Obligations.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That chapter 206 of the session laws of 1901, amending section 7671 of the revised codes of the state of North Dakota, be amended to read as follows:

§ 7671. OBLIGATION IN WRITING. SIGNED ACROSS FACE.] Every person who takes any obligation in writing for any lightning rod, or any of its attachments, or for any patent right or claimed to be a patent right, or for which any stallion or jackass shall form the whole or any part of the consideration, or for any patent medicine, or for which the whole or any part of the consideration shall be the future cure of any disease or ailment, shall, before it is signed by the maker stamp or write in red ink across the face of such written obligation in plain, legible writing, or print, the words "given for

a lightning rod," or "given for a patent right," or, "given for a stallion," or, "given for a jackass," or, "given for patent medicine," or, "given for the cure of disease," as the case may require. Such obligation so stamped shall not be negotiable and shall be subject to defenses in the hands of every holder or owner thereof. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof is punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred and fifty dollars and not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and shall be liable in a civil action to the party injured for all damages sustained by him.

Approved February 24, 1905.

VETERINARY DISTRICTS.

CHAPTER 190.

[H. B. No. 99—Phelan.]

VETERINARY DISTRICTS.

AN ACT to Amend Sections 1595 and 1596 of the Revised Codes, as Amended by Chapter 207 of the Session Laws of 1901 and Section 1600 of the Revised Codes of 1899, Relating to District Veterinarians.

Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That sections 1595, 1596, as amended by chapter 207, session laws of 1901, and section 1600 of the revised codes be amended to read as follows:

§ 1595. DIVISION OF STATE INTO DISTRICTS.] The state shall be divided into twelve veterinarian districts, in each of which there shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, one competent veterinarian, who shall be known as the district veterinarian, who shall hold his office for a term of two years from the date of his appointment unless sooner removed for cause, and who upon entering upon his duties shall take an oath well and truly to perform his duties as provided by law, which oath shall be taken before any judge of the district court or notary public within the district of the state for which he is appointed, and shall be filed with the secretary of state; provided, that if there is no veterinary residing in the district, then any competent veterinary may be appointed.

§ 1596. DISTRICTS DEFINED.] District number one shall consist of the first judicial district.