

to appear before it to make statements, furnish information, produce records or testify with regard to any matter connected with the administration of the Tax Laws of the State.

Approved March 6, 1919.

ESTRAYS

CHAPTER 125.

(S. B. No. 163—Committee Public Printing.)

ESTRAY NOTICE.

An Act to Amend and Re-enact Section 2658 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the Year 1913, Relating to Estrays.

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

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) Section 2658. NOTICE OF TAKING UP ESTRAYS.) Each person taking up an estray horse, mare, colt, ass, mule or neat cattle, sheep, hog or goat shall, within ten days thereafter give notice of the finding and taking up of said animal, in the official newspaper published in the county where such animal is found. Such notice shall truly describe the animal found by giving its color, sex, probable age and weight, and all the marks and brands thereon. Immediately after the first publication of said notice the publisher thereof shall send by registered mail to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor and to the county auditor of the County in which said animal was found, a newspaper clipping containing the same. Unless such animal is earlier claimed the notice shall be published in said paper for three successive weeks. The registry receipts for the notices sent to the Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor and to the county auditor as provided for herein, together with proof of publication of such notice for three successive weeks, shall be filed in the office of the county auditor of the county where estray was found before it can be appraised, or before appraisers can be appointed. Unless such receipts and proof of publication are so filed the publisher of such paper shall forfeit all right to his publication fees, and shall be liable to civil damages for any loss or damage caused by his neglect, and the person taking up said estray, unless he shall cause the same to be filed, shall forfeit all right to reimbursement for charges, costs and damages. Any person taking up an estray who fails to advertise the same or otherwise comply with the provisions of this section, shall be liable to the owner for all damages caused by such negligence or failure, and shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; provided if any person shall take up an estray which is apparently worth-

less, such estray may be at once appraised, and if found worthless may be destroyed. The person taking up the same shall notify some justice of the peace of the county, and such justice shall immediately choose one disinterested freeholder as one appraiser; the party taking up the estray shall choose another disinterested freeholder, and the two so chosen shall appoint a third person living in the vicinity where the estray was taken up, and the three persons, so chosen shall constitute a board of appraisers who shall act without compensation. If such appraisers shall appraise the estray as worthless it shall be destroyed by the party taking it up.

Approved March 15, 1919.

CHAPTER 126.

(S. B. No. 164—Committee Public Printing.)

OFFICIAL ESTRAY PAPER.

An Act to Repeal Section 2659 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the Year 1913, Relating to Official Estray Paper.

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

Sec. 1. Section 2659 of the Revised Code of North Dakota for the year 1913 is hereby repealed.

Approved March 15, 1919.

EXAMINER

CHAPTER 127.

(S. B. No. 145—Hagan.)

DUTIES OF STATE EXAMINER.

An Act Amending and Re-enacting Section 225, Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the Year 1913, Relating to the Duties of the State Examiner.

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

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) Section 225, Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 225. DUTIES.) It shall be the duty of the State Examiner to examine at least once a year, and as much oftener as he in his discretion may deem advisable, the books and accounts of the Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Clerk of the Supreme Court, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Ag-