

RAILROADS

CHAPTER 100.

(H. B. NO. 169—Whitmer.)

CABOOSE CARS.

AN ACT for an Act to Amend and Re-enact Section 4671 of the Compiled Laws of the State of North Dakota for the year 1913, relating to the size and construction of caboose cars.

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

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That Section 4671 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913 is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

§ 4671. WHEN TO TAKE EFFECT. HOW CONSTRUCTED.] That from and after the first day of January, 1924, it shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided in this article for any such common carrier, by railroad, to use on its lines any caboose car or other car used for like purposes unless such caboose or other car shall be at least 24 feet in length, exclusive of platform, and equipped with two, four wheel trucks; the center sill of which car or caboose shall be constructed of steel, and said caboose car or other car shall be of constructive strength equal to that of the 30 ton capacity freight cars, constructed according to M. C. B. standards, and shall be provided with a door in each end thereof and an outside platform across each end of said car; each platform shall not be less than twenty-four inches in width and shall be equipped with proper guard rails, and with grab irons and steps for safety of the persons getting on and off said car. Said steps shall be equipped with a suitable rod, board or other guard at each end at the back thereof, properly designed to prevent slipping from said steps.

Approved March 9, 1921.

CHAPTER 101.

(H. B. No. 90—Kjos.)

CARRIAGE OF SICK.

AN ACT Requiring Railroad Companies to Provide Separate Compartments for Carriage of Sick People and Providing a Penalty for Violation Thereof.

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

§ 1. Every person, company, corporation or receiver thereof, operating any railroad within this State for the carriage of persons, shall when required by order of the Board of Railroad Commissioners to equip, maintain and use upon one train each day, in each direction, a suitable compartment made by curtains or otherwise, for the carriage of sick and injured persons. Such compartment shall be entirely enclosed by curtains or otherwise from the rest of the car in which the same is located. Such Railroad Companies shall provide and carry on trains, one good heavy mattress, at least 8 inches thick, of proper width to fit inside of seats. That arrangements be made to remove the back of one seat thereby making room for one mattress. That these seats arranged to receive such mattress be enclosed with curtains for carriage of sick. Provided, however, that this Act shall not apply to roads upon which a train equipped with a compartment or sleeping car is operated each way, each day.

Provided further, that with the approval of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, a charge in addition to the regular passenger rate may be made for the use of such room.

§ 2. PENALTY.] Any person or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

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CHAPTER 102.

(S. B. No. 58—Fleckten.)

ENGINE CURTAINS.

AN ACT Making it unlawful for any railroad corporation, doing business in North Dakota, to operate any locomotive engine propelled by steam or electric power, without equipping such engine with Suitable Protecting Curtains; and prescribing a penalty for the violation of this Act.

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

§ 1. It shall be unlawful for any railroad company to use within the state on its line or lines any locomotive engine not equipped with canvas curtains attached to back of cab and enclosing all opening between cab and tender of said engine. Said curtains to be of sufficient length to extend 18 inches below deck of cab. Side curtains to be fastened securely to back of cab, made to slide back to front end of tender and fastened thereto with hooks or other contrivances that engine men can easily unfasten, so that all openings at step are entirely enclosed.

Back curtains to be fastened to back of cab and of sufficient length to reach over front end of tender so as to close any openings between side curtains and back curtains, so arranged as to slide back or roll up and may not be removed from locomotive.

Where open coal gates or boards are used on tender, a curtain shall be hung back of said coal gates or boards of sufficient width to cover openings at front of tender and reach to within 18 inches of floor of tender.

The front windows in cab, each side of cab, shall be equipped with "frost glass" in winter time; provided, however, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prohibit the passage of a locomotive engine not so equipped with suitable protecting curtains, moving under its own steam or electricity, either with or without a train, when such movement is from a point without this state through and to a point beyond its borders, or from a point without this state to a point within it, or from a point within this state to without it, if such passage is for the purpose of moving it to or from a repair shop or shops for the purpose of repairing such locomotive engine, and when it is not intended for service within this state.

§ 2. All new locomotive engines placed in service, after this act shall take effect, shall be equipped with protecting curtains or other equally protective devices. As to all locomotive engines not actually in service, nor assigned to or held for such service, within this state, at the time of passage of this act, it shall take effect on and after the first day of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two. As to any locomotive engine or engines in actual service, or assigned to and held for such service, within this state, when this act shall take effect, the same may be continued in service until it is necessary to withdraw it or them for general heavy repairs; and every locomotive so withdrawn from service for general heavy repairs shall be properly equipped with such protecting curtains or other equally protective devices before it shall be returned to service.

§ 3. Any railroad corporation failing to comply with the provisions of this Act, or violating said Act, shall upon conviction be fined in the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each engine thus operated, without such appliances contrary to the provisions of this Act.

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