

suance thereof, shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than Five Dollars nor more than One Hundred Dollars.

Sec. 19. Whereas, there is now no proper provision of law for the protection of the business of beekeeping against contagious and infectious diseases, this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, and shall be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 2nd, 1923.

BILLS OF SALE

CHAPTER 141.

(H. B. No. 147—Sathre and Twichell.)

FILING OF BILLS OF SALE.

An Act Providing For the Filing of Bills of Sale and other Transfers of Personal Property and Prescribing the Effect of Such Filing.

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

Sec. 1. A bill of sale, or other instrument, transferring the title to personal property, must be signed by the vendor or transferor in the presence of two witnesses who must sign the same as witnesses thereto, or acknowledge the execution of the same before some official qualified to take acknowledgments. Any such instrument so witnessed or acknowledged, shall be entitled to be filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County where the property or any part thereof covered by such instrument, is at the time so situated.

Sec. 2. The filing of such instrument shall operate as notice thereof to all subsequent purchasers and encumbrancers of so much of said property as is at the time of such filing situated in the county wherein such instrument is filed, and the filing of such instrument shall be deemed equivalent to an immediate delivery, followed by an actual and continued change of possession of the property covered by such instrument.

WHEREAS, there is now no law providing for the filing of the instruments covered by this Act and prescribing the effect of such filing therefore this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved February 27th, 1923.