

VAGRANCY.

CHAPTER 206.

[H. B. No. 195—Chaffee.]

DEFINING VAGRANCY.

AN ACT to Define Vagrancy, and Prescribing Punishment for Vagrancy.
Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. VAGRANCY DEFINED.] All persons who are idle and dissolute, and who go about begging; all persons who use any juggling or other unlawful games or plays; runaways; pilferers; confidence men; common drunkards; common night walkers; lewd, wanton and lascivious persons, in speech or behavior; common railers and brawlers; persons who are habitually neglectful of their employment or their calling, and do not lawfully provide for themselves, or for the support of their families; and all persons who are idle or dissolute, and who neglect all lawful business, and who habitually misspend their time by frequenting houses of ill-fame, gambling houses or tippling shops; all persons lodging in, or found in the night-time in out-houses, sheds, barns, or unoccupied buildings, or lodging in the open air, and not giving a good account of themselves, and all persons who are known to be thieves, burglars, or pickpockets, either by their own confession or otherwise, or by having been convicted of larceny, burglary, or other crime against the laws of the state, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison, or in a house of correction of any city, and having no lawful means of support, are habitually found prowling around any steamboat landing, railroad depot, banking institution, broker's office, place of public amusement, auction room, store, shop or crowded thoroughfare, car or omnibus, or at any public gathering or assembly, or lounging about any court-room, private dwelling houses or outhouses, or are found in any house of ill-fame, gambling house, or tippling shop, shall be deemed to be and they are declared to be vagrants.

§ 2. PENALTIES.] Every person convicted of vagrancy under section 1 of this act shall be punished by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days, or by being compelled to work upon the streets or public highways not to exceed twenty days.

Approved March 13, 1903.