

VAGRANCY

CHAPTER 336.

(S. B. No. 114—Atkins.)

VAGRANCY.

An Act to Amend Sections 9658 and 9659 of the Compiled Laws of 1913 relating to the Crime of Vagrancy.

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

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) That Section 9658 of the Compiled Laws of 1913 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9658. 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; all persons participating in any game of chance upon which money or property usually wagered in or upon premises not owned nor kept by them; 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 not giving a good account of themselves, who are found lodging in, or found in the night time, in any out-houses, sheds, barns or unoccupied building, or found lodging in the open air; and all persons trespassing in or upon property, land or premises not owned nor kept by them, 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 any 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 house or out houses, or are found in any house of ill-fame, gambling house or tippling shop, shall be deemed to be and they are declared vagrants.

Sec. 2. AMENDMENT.) That Section 9659 of the Compiled Laws of 1913 be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9659. PENALTIES.) Every person convicted of vagrancy, under Section 9658, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail, not exceeding thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, or by being compelled to work upon the streets or public highways not to exceed twenty days.

Sec. 3. TRESPASS DEFINED.) Trespass as used in this Act is the wilful intrusion by one person upon or into the property, land or premises of another.

Approved February 7th, 1923.

VALIDATING ACTS

CHAPTER 337.

(S. B. No. 75—Steel.)

VALIDATING CITY WARRANTS.

An Act Legalizing and Validating Certain Acts of City Officials with Reference to Electric Light or Distribution Systems.

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

Sec. 1. CERTAIN ACTS LEGALIZED.) Where the officers of an incorporated city of this state, prior to the passage of this act, shall have incurred indebtedness and issued warrants or orders for the erection, purchase, installation, construction or extension of a municipally owned lighting system for the purpose of lighting the streets and public places of the city and furnishing lights to the inhabitants thereof, and distributing the same and said warrants or orders are outstanding or held in a general revenue or other funds of said city, the same are hereby legalized and declared to be the valid indebtedness of such city, and where in any such case there shall have been defective notice, or lack of notice, as required by law, or irregularity in the proceedings of said officers, the said defects or irregularities are hereby validated.

Sec. 2. EMERGENCY.) This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved February 3rd, 1923.