

CHAPTER 59.

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AN ACT in relation to steam Vessels Navigating certain of the waters of this State.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

Spark-catches to be attached to chimneys of steam vessels.

SECTION 1. From and after the first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, it shall not be lawful to navigate, and all persons and corporations are hereby strictly prohibited from navigating, any of the waters of this state, except Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Green Bay, Milwaukee river, Menomonee river and the Mississippi river, with any boat or vessel propelled wholly or in part by steam, unless such boat or vessel shall be provided with a sufficient spark catcher, screen or some other device to prevent the escape of sparks or burning cinders from the chimney, or, if there be more than one, from each of the chimneys of said boat or vessel, and unless the same shall be substantially attached in or upon such chimney or chimneys, and in good repair, so as to prevent the escape of sparks or burning cinders therefrom, as effectually as the same can be prevented by any means known and in use for that purpose.

Penalty.

SECTION 2. From and after the day and year mentioned in the first section of this act, if any boat or vessel propelled wholly or in part by steam shall be run, or if the fire or fires thereof shall be kindled for the purpose of running the same in any of the waters of this state except Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Green Bay, Milwaukee river, Menomonee river and the Mississippi river, contrary to the provisions of the first section of this act, then, and in each such case, the owner, agent or consignee of such boat or vessel shall be liable to pay a penalty of two hundred dollars, one half for the use of the county within the jurisdiction whereof such offence shall have been committed, and one half for the use of the complainant, which penalty shall be a demand against and lien upon said boat or vessel, to be sued for and collected in the manner provided in chapter 151 of the general laws of 1859, or that may hereafter be provided for the collection of demands against boats or vessels navigating the waters of this state.

How collected.

Approved March 8, 1861.