

them to enter into any lawful contract or agreement to so establish and maintain rates so made; provided, however, that all such schedules of rates shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the assured. It is hereby made the duty of the commissioner of insurance of this state to enforce compliance with the provisions of this section, and it shall be his duty to revoke the license of each and every such insurance company violating the provisions of this section and to report such violation to the attorney-general of the state for prosecution, and each and every such company violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to a penalty of five hundred (\$500) dollars for each and every violation of the same.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 357.

AN ACT to prevent corporations organized under the laws of this state from entering into any combination, conspiracy, trust, agreement or contract, intended to operate in restraint of any lawful trade or commerce carried on in this state.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Corporations organized under the laws of this state are prohibited from enter-

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ing into any combination, conspiracy, trust, pool, agreement or contract, intended to restrain or prevent competition in the supply or price of any article or commodity in general use in this state, or constituting a subject of trade or commerce therein, or to control the price of any such article or commodity, to regulate or fix the price thereof, to limit or fix the amount or quantity thereof to be manufactured, mined, produced or sold in this state, or to fix any standard or figure by which its price to the public shall be in any manner controlled or established.

Notification
of violations;
duty of the
attorney
general.

SECTION 2. Whenever the attorney general of this state shall be notified, or shall have reason to believe that any corporation organized under the laws of this state has violated any provision of section 1, of this act, it shall be his duty forthwith to address to any such corporation, or to any director or officer thereof, such inquiries as he may deem necessary, for the purpose of determining whether or not such corporation has violated any provision of section 1, of this act, and it shall be the duty of such corporation, director or officer thereof, so addressed, to promptly and fully answer in writing, under oath, such inquiries, and in case such corporation, or director or officer thereof, shall fail or neglect so to do within sixty days from the receipt of such inquiries, unless such time is extended in writing by the attorney general, it shall be the duty of the attorney general to proceed against such corporation as hereinafter provided.

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SECTION 3. In case of the failure or neglect of any corporation organized under the laws of this state, or of any director or officer of such corporation, to answer such inquiries as hereinbefore provided, such failure or neglect is hereby declared to be a forfeiture of the charter of such corporation, and it is hereby made the duty of the attorney general, on leave granted by the supreme court of this state, upon

cause shown, to bring an action for the purpose of vacating the charter and annulling the existence of such corporation.

SECTION 4. No person shall be excused from answering any of the inquiries herein provided for, nor excused from attending and testifying, nor from producing any books, papers, contracts, agreements or documents, in obedience to a subpoena issued by any lawful authority in any case or proceeding, based upon or growing out of any alleged violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, or of any law of this state in regard to trusts, monopolies or illegal combinations, on the ground of or for the reason that the answer, testimony, evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him, may tend to criminate him, or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture; but no person shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which he may answer, testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, in obedience to any request under this chapter, or any subpoena, or either of them, in any case or proceeding, except that the charter of any corporation may be vacated and its corporate existence annulled, as hereinbefore provided; and except further, that no person testifying in any case or proceeding aforesaid, shall be exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so testifying.

No person excused from answering questions or producing papers.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 27, 1897.