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## CHAPTER 224.

AN ACT defining the crime of forgery, and prohibiting the false making, alteration, forging or counterfeiting of any letter or certificate purporting to have been issued by a corporation or person to an employe, or of a card or receipt purporting to have been given by any association of railway employes, and prohibiting the uttering and publishing of any such letter, certificate, card or receipt, and prescribing the punishment therefor.

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

Forging of receipts of dues, etc.

SECTION 1. Any person who shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit any card or receipt of dues purporting to be given or issued by any association of railway employes, or by any of its officers to its members, with intent to injure, deceive or defraud, shall be punished as herein-after provided.

Forging of letters of recommendations, etc.

SECTION 2. Any person who shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit any letter or certificate purporting to be given by any corporation or person, or officer or agent of such corporation or person to an employe of such corporation or person at the time of such employe's leaving the service of such corporation or person, showing the capacity or capacities in which such employe

was employed by such corporation or person, the date of leaving the service or the reason or cause of such leaving, with the intent to injure, deceive or defraud, shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3. Any person who shall utter, publish, pass or tender as true, or who shall have in his possession with intent to utter, publish, pass or tender as true, any false, altered, forged or counterfeited letter, certificate, card or receipt, the forging, altering or counterfeiting whereof is prohibited by either of the preceding sections of this act, with intent to injure, deceive or defraud, shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

Forging of  
certificates,  
cards, etc.

SECTION 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment in the state's prison or county jail not more than one year or by fine not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Penalty.

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

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