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**CHAPTER 177.**

AN ACT to authorize H. L. North and others to construct and maintain a toll bridge across the St. Croix river, also known as Lake St. Croix, between the city of Hudson in St. Croix county, Wisconsin, and the west bank of said river or lake opposite said city of Hudson.

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

**SECTION 1.** H. L. North, W. E. Webster, and H. J. Anderson of Hudson, Wisconsin, their heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns are hereby authorized and empowered to construct and maintain a toll bridge across the St. Croix river, also known as Lake St. Croix, from some point within the limits of the city of Hudson, St. Croix county, Wisconsin, to the west bank of said river or lake, provided that the location and construction of said bridge shall be approved by the war department of the United States. And provided, further, that said parties, their heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns, shall commence the construction of said bridge within eighteen months after the passage of this act.

**SECTION 2.** The said H. L. North and his associates above named, their heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns shall have the power and legal right immediately after the completion of said bridge to demand, receive, and collect tolls for passing over such bridge at rates not exceeding the following: For any vehicle including driver drawn by one or two horses, mules, or oxen, twenty-five cents for passage one way; any automobile including occupants, fifty cents; for horses or cattle, in droves of ten or less, five cents per head one way, and where the same are in droves of more than ten, three cents a head for those numbering above ten; sheep or hogs in droves of ten or less, three cents a head, if in droves of more than ten, two cents a head one way for those in excess of ten; and for each person, ten cents a head one way. The said H. L. North and his associates above named and their heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns may regulate the use of said bridge for the crossing of traction engines, and all conveyances and travelers not otherwise provided for above, and may charge a reasonable toll therefor.

**SECTION 3.** The said H. L. North and his associates and assigns shall keep posted up in a conspicuous place on said bridge

the rates of toll established by them not exceeding the rates allowed by this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 178.

AN ACT to create section 1786d—1 of the statutes, relating to the licensing of children's home finding societies and the placing of children in homes, and providing a penalty therefor.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1786d—1. 1. All home finding corporations existing under and by virtue of chapter 86 of the statutes shall be licensed annually as hereinafter required.

2. No individual not being a parent or legal guardian of the child and no agency, association or corporation, until made or appointed legal guardian in due form and duly authorized by annual license, as hereinafter provided, to place children in homes, shall so place any child under fifteen years of age, or give them away by adoption, or place them in families with or without contract during their minority; provided, that nothing in this section shall prevent a duly licensed agency, association or corporation from temporarily placing a child, over ten years of age, in a home upon the request of its legal guardian.

3. Upon satisfactory proof made to said board that the applicant therefor is in all respects qualified to engage in the work of finding homes for children, giving them away by adoption, or placing them in families with or without contract during their minority, and upon payment of an annual license fee of five dollars to the state board of control, said license shall be issued by said board and bear date the first Tuesday of June in each year, but shall not be transferable and may be revoked at any time upon thirty days' notice to the holder thereof, an opportunity for hearing having been given, when in the opinion of said board the holder thereof is not in all respects qualified to engage in the work of finding homes for children, giving them away by adoption or placing them in families with or without contract during their minority.