

CHAPTER 64.

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AN ACT to provide for the enforcement of laws in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. If any insurance company or association shall make application to change the venue or remove any suit or action heretofore commenced or which shall be hereafter commenced in any court of the state of Wisconsin, to the United States circuit or district court, or to the federal court, contrary to the provisions of any law of the state of Wisconsin, or contrary to any agreement it has made and filed, or may make and file as provided and required by section number twenty-two (22) of chapter fifty-six (56) of the general laws of Wisconsin, for the year A. D. 1870, or any other provision of law now in force in said state, or may hereafter be enacted therein, it shall be the imperative duty of the secretary of state, or other proper state officer, to revoke and recall any authority or license or certificate to such company, to do and transact any business in the state of Wisconsin, and no renewal or new license or certificate shall be granted to such company for three years after such revocation, and such company shall therefore [thereafter] be prohibited from transacting any business in the state of Wisconsin, until again duly licensed.

Application for change of venue—when and how to be punished.

SECTION 2. In case any insurance company or association incorporated by, or organized under the laws of any other state of the United States, or any foreign government, shall have, previous to the passage of this act, made application to any court of this state to change the venue or place of trial to the federal courts or United States circuit or district courts, in any suit commenced or pending in such state court, contrary to the provisions of said chapter fifty-six (56) of the general laws of Wisconsin for the year A. D. 1870, or any other law of said state, or contrary to any agreement which such company or association may have made and filed according to section twenty-two (22) of chapter fif-

For previous applications of foreign companies, application to be filed.

ty-six (56) of the general laws of Wisconsin for 1870, or any other law of said state, and an order has not been made by such state court or the judge thereof, changing the venue or place of trial to the said United States or federal court or courts, unless such company or association shall, within sixty days after the passage and publication of this act, make and file in such action in whatever court the same may then be pending, a stipulation withdrawing such application, and wholly abandoning the same, the secretary of state, or other proper state officer, shall recall and revoke any license, certificate or authority to such company or association to do or carry on business in the state of Wisconsin. And in case any such company or association shall refuse or neglect to make and file such stipulation as above provided, such company or association shall be prohibited from doing or carrying on business in the state until again duly licensed as hereinbefore provided, and no new license or renewal of license or certificate shall be granted to such company or association to do or transact any business in the state of Wisconsin for three years next after its neglecting to make and file such a stipulation.

Penalty of refusal to stipulate.

For violation of previous agreement.

SECTION 3. If any insurance company or association shall make application to remove any case from the state court into the United States circuit or district court or federal court, contrary to the provisions of chapter fifty-six (56) of the general laws of Wisconsin, for the year A. D. 1870, or any other state law, or contrary to any agreement which such company may have filed in pursuance of said chapter fifty-six (56) of the general laws of Wisconsin for the year A. D. 1870, or any other law of the state of Wisconsin, it shall be liable, in addition, to a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars, for each application so made, or for each offense so committed for making such application, the same to be recovered by suit in the name of the state of Wisconsin; and it shall be the imperative duty of the attorney general of the state of Wisconsin to see and attend that all of the provisions of said chapter fifty-six (56) of the general laws of 1870, and the provisions of this act are duly enforced.

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

Approved March 16, 1872.