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CHAPTER 57.

AN ACT to amend section 1797—22 of the statutes, relating to discriminations by railroads.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1797—22 of the statutes is amended to read: Section 1797—22. 1. If any railroad, or any agent or officer thereof, shall directly or indirectly, by any special rate, rebate, drawback or by means of false billing, false classification, false weighing, or by any other device whatsoever, charge, demand, collect or receive from any person, firm or corporation a greater * * * less or different compensation for any service rendered or to be rendered by it for the transportation of persons or property or for any service in connection therewith, than that prescribed in the published tariffs then in force, or established as provided herein, or than it charges, demands, collects or receives from any other person, firm or corporation for a like and contemporaneous service such railroad shall be deemed guilty of unjust discrimination, which is hereby prohibited and declared to be unlawful, and upon conviction thereof shall forfeit and pay into the state treasury not less than one hundred dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars for each offense; and any agent or officer so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense.

* * * 2. It shall be unlawful for any railroad to demand, charge, collect or receive from any person, firm or corporation a less compensation for the transportation of property or for any service rendered or to be rendered by said railroad, in consideration of said person, firm or corporation furnishing any part of the facilities incident thereto; provided, nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting any railroad from renting any facilities incident to transportation and paying a reasonable rental therefor.

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

Approved April 11, 1913.