

thereupon such railroad company shall have the right to make such extension or build such branch the same as if it had been authorized in its charter or articles of association; *provided*, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed as in any manner authorizing railroad companies now owning or operating or which may hereafter own or operate competing lines of railroad in this state to consolidate with each other.

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

Approved February 29, 1876.

CHAPTER 67.

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AN ACT to authorize the taking of fish in the public waters of the state, for the purposes of artificial propagation.

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

Commissioners
may take fish
at any time.

SECTION 1. The fish commissioners of the State of Wisconsin, and all other persons directly engaged in the artificial propagation of fish, and whose ponds and fixtures be within this state, are hereby authorized to take, at all seasons and in all ways fish from the public waters of this state, solely and for the purpose of artificial propagation, any law of this state, or any regulation, by-law or resolution of any county board, or of any ordinance or proceeding of any city or village, to the contrary notwithstanding.

To remain in
force.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and shall remain in force until specially repealed by subsequent act of the legislature.

Approved February 29, 1876.