

Chap. 89.

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AN ACT concerning Insurance Companies.

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

§ 1. The provisions of an act entitled an act, to provide for the incorporation of Insurance Companies, approved February 9th 1850, are hereby declared binding on all Insurance Companies, now, or which at any time hereafter may be doing business in this State whether the same are foreign companies, or companies organized under said act, or under special charters, "whether now existing or hereafter granted," as far as the said act is applicable. Act of 1850 binding.

§ 2. If any of said Insurance Companies shall neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of said act, all rights, privileges and franchise granted therein by this State shall be and are hereby repealed. In case of refusal to comply.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to embrace within his annual report, a condensed statement of the reports made to him in compliance with the requirements of said act, by the several Insurance Companies in this State. Duty of Secretary of State.

§ 4. Any officer or agent of any Insurance Company who shall knowingly violate any provisions of said act, or of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished therefor as provided in chapter 122 of the revised statutes. Violation of act.

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Chap. 90.

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AN ACT granting the right of way through State land to Railroad Companies.

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

§ 1. Every Railroad Company which shall have located or constructed, or which shall hereafter locate or construct its Railroad through any University land, Railroad Companies shall have right to possess State land for certain purposes.

school lands, or swamp and overflowed lands owned and held by this State, shall have the right to take, occupy, use, hold and possess for the purposes of a Railroad a strip of land one hundred feet wide—fifty feet on each side of the centre line of its main track—through or across each and every tract of land so owned or held by the State, over which said Railroad is or shall be constructed. This section shall not be so construed as to be applicable to any lands sold by this State prior to the passage of this act, nor to any lands that may be hereafter sold by the State prior to the actual survey and location of any such Railroad line and the filing a plat of such Railroad line in the office of the Secretary as prescribed in the next section.

R. R. Companies to deposit plat with Secretary of State.

§ 2. Every such Railroad Company shall as soon as may be after the passage of this act and after the route of its said road shall be definitely fixed deposit with the Secretary of State a plat exhibiting all of such lands through which the route of said railroad shall run and the location of such route through the same.

Reservation of land for use of R. R. Companies

§ 3: Whenever any certificate or patent shall be issued for any of such lands the same shall contain an express reservation for the use of said Railroad Company of all such lands as according to the provisions of this act such Company has a right to have, hold, occupy, use, or possess.

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

Amendment to previous acts.

§ 5. All acts of incorporation of any Railroad Company heretofore passed granting to any such incorporation any greater or further extent of any lands belonging to this State without compensation, than the right of way for a railroad, except the acts of incorporation of such Companies as have been organized and commenced the construction of their roads, are hereby so amended as to limit the grant in each and a l of said acts to the right of way of one hundred feet in width through the land belonging to this State.

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