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CHAPTER 373.

AN ACT authorizing cities of the first, second and third class, whether operating under general or special charter, to license and regulate department stores.

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

SECTION 1. All cities of the first, second and third classes within this state, whether operating under general or special charters, are hereby authorized and empowered to license and regulate department stores therein.

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

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CHAPTER 374.

AN ACT to amend section 4559, revised statutes, relating to injury to wires by removal of buildings, etc., without notice.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4559, revised statutes is hereby amended so as to include electric light and power companies, etc., as well as telegraph

Penalty for removal of electric light wires without notice.

and telephone companies, so that when amended said section shall read as follows: Section 4559. Any person having the right so to do, who shall remove or change any building or other structure, or any timber standing or fallen, post or pole to which any telegraph, telephone, electric light power or other electric lines or wires are in any manner attached, or cause the same to be done, which shall destroy or injure the wires, poles or other property of any such company transacting business in this state, without first giving to such company, at its office nearest to such place of injury, at least forty-eight hours previous notice thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than thirty days or by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or both; and any person who shall break down, interrupt or remove any telegraph, telephone, electric light or other line or wire, or destroy, disturb, interfere with or injure the wires, poles or other property of any telegraph, telephone, electric light power or other company in this state, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than three months or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or both.

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

Approved April 27, 1897.