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CHAPTER 357.

AN ACT to prohibit the use of any free pass or frank, or privilege withheld from any person, for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property or the transmission of any message or communication.

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

SECTION 1. No person, association, co-partnership, or corporation, shall offer, or give, for any purpose, to any political committee, or any member or employee thereof, to any candidate for, or incumbent of any office or position under the constitution or laws, or under any ordinance of any town or municipality, of this state, or to any person at the request or for the advantage of all or any of them, any free pass or frank, or any privilege withheld from any person, for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property, or the transmission of any message or communication.

Use of franks,
passes etc.,
prohibited.

SECTION 2. No political committee, and no member or employee thereof, no candidate for and no incumbent of any office or position under the constitution or laws, or under any ordinance of any town or municipality, of this state, shall ask for, or accept, from any person, association, co-partnership, or corporation, or use in any manner, or for any purpose, any free pass or frank, or any privilege withheld from any person, for the traveling accommodation or transportation, of any person or property, or the transmission of any message or communication.

Requests for,
prohibito.

SECTION 3. Any violation of any of the above provisions shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison not more than five years nor

Penalty for
violation.

less than one year, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, nor less than two hundred dollars.

Giving of
testimony.

SECTION 4. No person, and no agent or officer of any corporation within the purview of this act shall be privileged from testifying in relation to anything therein prohibited; and no person having so testified shall be liable to any prosecution or punishment for any offense concerning which he was required to give his testimony or produce any documentary evidence.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved May 3, 1899.