

CHAPTER 129.

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An Act to provide for the punishment of persons placing obstructions upon or injuring railroads.

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

To punish persons doing injury to railroads.

SECTION 1. Any person who shall willfully and maliciously place any obstruction upon the track of any railroad in this state, or take up a rail, or remove a spike or otherwise injure, break down or destroy the bridge, road-bed or other structures of such railroad, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of not less than two nor more than ten years.

In case of death deemed guilty of murder, 1st degree

SEC. 2. In case death shall ensue from any act prohibited by the first section of this act, the person guilty thereof shall be deemed guilty of murder in the first degree, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for the term of his natural life.

Negligence of officers—punishment.

SEC. 3. In case death shall ensue from the willful carelessness, negligence or any malicious act of any officer, agent, servant or other employee of any railroad company in this state, the person guilty of such negligence, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, and shall be imprisoned in the states prison for a term of not less than three nor more than ten years.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its publication.

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