

Proviso eighteen hundred and seventy-two, chapter three hundred and fifty-five, entitled an act to authorize the issuing of licenses to Telegraph Companies and to Express or Transportation Companies, not organized under the laws of this State, to transact business therein, be and the same is hereby repealed; provided that said repeal shall not affect or impair any right vested or acquired, or existing at the time of said repeal under said act; nor shall it impair, discharge or release any contract, obligation, duty, liability or penalty whatsoever now existing; but that all suits and actions pending, and all prosecutions for penalties under said act, including all civil and criminal proceedings whatsoever, shall be prosecuted and proceeded with to final determination, and judgment entered therein as if said act had not been repealed.

Repealed SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts hereto passed, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Amended and re-enacted SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That said act be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted, and added to article fifty-six, of the Code of Public General Laws, and made to read as follows :

It shall not be lawful Without license SEC. 4. It shall not be lawful for any telegraph company, or for any person, firm, partnership or corporation to do the business of telegraphing for profit or hire in any way within this State, or to receive compensation therefor, or to open any office for the transaction of such business within this State, without first obtaining a license therefor as hereinafter provided.

It shall not be lawful Without license SEC. 5. It shall not be lawful for any express or transportation company, or for any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation to do the business of transporting or forwarding goods or packages of any sort, or of any article of trade or traffic for profit or hire within this State, without first obtaining a license therefor as hereinafter provided.

shall pay for license SEC. 6. Any telegraph company, person, firm, partnership, association or corporation, proposing to