

terms of such bill appear to have been received for transportation by the carrier which issued the bill, are not in the possession or control of such carrier, or of a connecting carrier, without disclosing this fact, shall be guilty of a crime, and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by both.

1910, ch. 336, sec. 49 (p. 44).

49. Any person who, with intent to defraud, secures the issue by a carrier of a bill, knowing that at the time of such issue any or all of the goods described in such bill as received for transportation have not been received by such carrier, or an agent of such carrier, or a connecting carrier, or are not under the carrier's control, by inducing an officer, agent or servant of such carrier falsely to believe that such goods have been received by such carrier, or are under its control, shall be guilty of a crime, and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by both.

1910, ch. 336, sec. 50 (p. 45).

50. Any person who, with intent to defraud, issues or aids in issuing a non-negotiable bill without the words "not negotiable" placed plainly upon the face thereof, shall be guilty of a crime, and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by both.

1910, ch. 336, sec. 51 (p. 45).

51. In any case not provided for in this article, the rules of law and equity, including the Law Merchant, and in particular the rules relating to the law of principal and agent, executors, administrators and trustees, and to the effect of fraud, misrepresentation, duress or coercion, accident, mistake, bankruptcy, or other invalidating cause, shall govern.

1910, ch. 336, sec. 52 (p. 45).

52. This article shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those States which enact it.

1910, ch. 336, sec. 53 (p. 45).

53. (1) In this article, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires—

"Action" includes counter claim, set-off and suit in equity.

"Bill" means bill of lading.

"Consignee" means the person named in the bill as the person to whom delivery of the goods is to be made.

"Consignor" means the person named in the bill as the person from whom the goods have been received for shipment.