

CHAP. 174

Mileage books
to be issued.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That every railroad corporation owning, controlling or operating a railroad in this State, which charges a fare of more than two cents per mile for a first class straight passenger ticket, shall keep for sale mileage books of two classes, the first having five hundred, and the other one thousand coupons, each coupon for one mile, attached thereto, entitling the holder thereof to travel on the railroad line or lines, owned, controlled or operated by such railroad until all of said coupons are used up, for which such railroad corporation shall charge a sum not to exceed two cents per mile.

Price of said
books.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That such railroad corporations shall not charge or receive for a mileage book containing five hundred such coupons more than the sum of ten dollars, and for a mileage book containing one thousand such coupons not more than the sum of twenty dollars; and such mileage books shall be kept for sale by such railroad corporations at every ticket office of such corporations authorized to do business for them, and such mileage book or books shall be delivered to the applicant immediately upon application therefor, and the payment of the price legally demandable therefor.

Who may use
said books.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the purchaser of said mileage book, or any member of the family of said purchaser or purchasers, if a firm, his or their employees, shall be entitled to travel, on the presentation of said mileage book, on the passenger trains of the railroad owned, controlled or operated by such corporation issuing said book and all the lines thereof, for the number of miles equal to the coupons detached by the conductor of such railroad, and such conductor shall not detach from such mileage book more coupons than the number of miles traveled, and such mileage book shall entitle the purchaser thereof and the parties entitled to use the same to the same rights and privileges in respect to the transportation of themselves and baggage or property to which the holders of the highest class ticket issued by such corporation is entitled.

Not to become
forfeited in
case of loss.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be no stipulation, agreement or condition required by said railroad corporation before it will issue such mileage books, that said mileage books shall become forfeited or null and void by the accidental loss of the same, and said loss shall not render