

**RAILROAD CODE OF 1993 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 354 of 1993**

**462.255 Conduct as misdemeanor; penalty; powers of conductor or freight agent; duties of police officer; jurisdiction of court.**

Sec. 255.

(1) A person who, while riding in the car of a freight, passenger, or other train on any railroad in this state, uses or utters indecent, obscene, or profane language in the hearing of other passengers, riotously or boisterously conducts himself or herself to the annoyance of other passengers, or who obtains or attempts to obtain money or property from any passenger or person by means of any game or device, shall, on conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$100.00, or imprisonment for not to exceed 90 days, or both.

(2) Railroad conductors are hereby invested with the powers of sheriffs and constable in regard to offenses under this section occurring upon trains or cars in their charge, and may arrest and detain a person who violates this section until the car or train arrives at a usual stopping place, where the conductor may deliver the person to a police officer with a written statement specifying generally the offense or offenses the person has committed.

(3) If a police officer is not present to receive the person, the conductor may deliver him or her to the ticket or freight agent at that stopping place, with the statement. The freight agent shall detain the offender in his or her custody, and may exercise the powers of sheriffs and constables in regard to persons charged with crimes in doing so, until a police officer may be obtained to take charge of the offender.

(4) The police officer shall institute a complaint against the person for the alleged offense before the district or municipal court of the judicial district or municipality in which the offense was committed. The court shall have jurisdiction to try the offender and to impose the penalties authorized by this section.

**History:** 1993, Act 354, Imd. Eff. Jan. 14, 1994

**Compiler's Notes:** In subsection (2), the phrase "of sheriffs and constable" evidently should read "of sheriffs and constables."