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## CHAPTER 324.

AN ACT to authorize the Commercial Bridge company, its successors and assigns, to build and maintain a free wagon, foot or railroad bridge over and across the waters of Sturgeon Bay, between the city of Sturgeon Bay and the village of Bay View, in the county of Door, state of Wisconsin.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

Free wagon,  
foot or rail-  
road bridge.

SECTION 1. The Commercial Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to build and maintain a free wagon, foot, or if deemed expedient, or necessary, a railroad bridge over and across the waters of Sturgeon Bay, in the county of Door, and state of Wisconsin, between the city of Sturgeon Bay and village of Bay View, said bridge to commence at the foot or southwesterly end of Portage or Forest street, in the city of Sturgeon Bay, extending across the said waters of Sturgeon Bay and terminating on lots three or four in section seven, town twenty-seven north, of range twenty-six east, Door county, Wisconsin, and for the purpose of this act this said company shall have the right to drive piles, construct cribs, build dykes or adopt any other method necessary or reasonable for the construction of a safe and convenient wagon, foot or railway bridge. Provided, however, that said bridge shall be so constructed as not to materially interfere with the safe passage of boats, vessels and other water craft navigating the waters of Sturgeon Bay.

Draw, ap-  
proaches,  
guards, etc.

SECTION 2. It is hereby made the duty of said company to provide a suitable pivot draw, having a span of not less than seventy-five feet in the clear space on either side of the center crib or pivot for this said bridge; and they are also hereby required to build, construct and maintain suitable approaches, guards and protection piers of sufficient strength and stability to protect the boats, vessels and other crafts from damage that may

result from their passage through the draw of said bridge, either to themselves or said bridge.

SECTION 3. The plans and specifications for the construction of said bridge, together with a map or diagram of the waters of Sturgeon Bay, showing the shores of each side of said bay at least a half mile north and a half mile south of the location of said bridge shall be submitted to the secretary of war for his approval, and nothing in this act shall be construed as authorizing the construction of any part or parts of said bridge till such approval is had by said company.

Plans and specifications to be submitted to secretary of war.

SECTION 4. Provided that the said Commercial Bridge company shall take the toll bridge now owned and operated by the Sturgeon Bay Bridge company upon the following conditions: First. The said Sturgeon Bay Bridge company shall submit all the books and papers, relating to the construction and operation of said toll bridge and the docks alongside thereof, to a commission consisting of three members, one to be chosen by each of above-named companies, and the third to be chosen by these two, for the purpose of ascertaining what sum, if any, is due said Sturgeon Bay Bridge company upon the construction and operation of said bridge and the docks alongside thereof, over and above the receipts from all sources with seven per centum interest to date of transfer, and shall pay to said Sturgeon Bay Bridge company the amount that may be determined and found by the award of such arbitrators. Second. Should the said Sturgeon Bay Bridge company refuse or fail to comply with the above provision within six months from and after the passage of this act, the said Commercial Bridge company may construct a new bridge in accordance with the provisions of above act, and be relieved from any liability to take said toll bridge from said Sturgeon Bay Bridge company.

Sturgeon Bay Company's toll bridge to be taken.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 20, 1891.