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## CHAPTER 49

## DUELING

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**§ 1351. Penalty**

Whoever fights a duel with deadly weapons or is present thereat as aid, second, surgeon or as advising, encouraging or promoting it, although no homicide ensues; or sends or delivers a verbal or written message intended to be a challenge, although no duel ensues, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 20 years, and be incapable of holding any office or place of honor, trust or profit for 20 years after conviction.

R.S.1954, c. 136, § 1.

**§ 1352. Accepting challenge or aiding duel**

Whoever accepts such a challenge, or engages to act as second or surgeon to one accepting, or knowingly delivers such acceptance, or advises, encourages or promotes it, although no duel ensues, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment for less than one year, and be incapable, as in section 1351, for 5 years after conviction.

R.S.1954, c. 136, § 2.

**§ 1353. Leaving State to elude provisions of law**

If a resident of the State leaves it to elude either section 1351 or section 1352 with intent to do acts out of the State which would be a violation of either of their provisions if done within the State, and does such acts, he shall be subject to the same punishment as if the offense had been committed in the State. He may be indicted and tried in the county where he resides. A person indicted under this section may plead a former conviction or acquittal of the same offense, in another state, which, being admitted or established, entitles him to an acquittal in this State.

R.S.1954, c. 136, § 3.

**§ 1354. Posting for not fighting duel**

Whoever posts another or uses, in writing or in print, reproachful or contemptuous language concerning him for not fighting a duel or for not sending or accepting a challenge shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 and by imprisonment for less than one year.

R.S.1954, c. 136, § 4.