408.582 Fraudulent acceptance of benefits; misdemeanor; prima facie evidence.

Sec. 2. Every person, who, with intent to defraud, shall accept or receive transportation provided by or at the instance or expense of his employer, from any point in this state to or in the direction of the place where he has contracted to perform labor for, or render services to such employer, or who shall knowingly, and with intent to defraud, accept or receive the benefit of any other pecuniary advancements made by or at the instance and cost of his employer, under an agreement on the part of such person to perform labor or render services in repayment of the cost of such transportation or of such other benefits, shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor if he shall neglect or refuse to render services or perform labor of an equal value to the full amount paid for such transportation or other benefits, or shall neglect or refuse to pay such employer in money the amount paid therefor. The value of the services to be rendered, or labor to be performed shall be determined by the price agreed to be paid therefor by such employer under his contract with the employe. The failure or refusal of any such employe to perform such labor or to render such services in accordance with his contract, or to pay in money the amount paid for such transportation or other benefits, shall be prima facie evidence of his intent to defraud.