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**DIVISION 3. OBLIGATIONS [1427 - 3273.69]** ( *Heading of Division 3 amended by Stats. 1988, Ch. 160, Sec. 14.*  )

**PART 4. OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM PARTICULAR TRANSACTIONS [1738 - 3273.69]** ( *Part 4 enacted 1872.*  )

**TITLE 7. CARRIAGE [2085 - 2218]** ( *Title 7 enacted 1872.*  )

**CHAPTER 5. Common Carriers [[2168.] - 2212]** ( *Chapter 5 enacted 1872.*  )

**ARTICLE 4. Common Carriers of Messages [2207 - 2209]** ( *Article 4 enacted 1872.*  )

**2207.** A carrier of messages by telegraph must, if it is practicable, transmit every such message immediately upon its receipt. But if this is not practicable, and several messages accumulate upon his hands, he must transmit them in the following order:

1. Messages from public agents of the United States or of this State, on public business;
2. Messages intended in good faith for immediate publication in newspapers, and not for any secret use;
3. Messages giving information relating to the sickness or death of any person;
4. Other messages in the order in which they were received.

(Enacted 1872.)

**2208.** A common carrier of messages, otherwise than by telegraph, must transmit messages in the order in which he receives them, except messages from agents of the United States or of this State, on public business, to which he must always give priority. But he may fix upon certain times for the simultaneous transmission of messages previously received.

(Enacted 1872.)

**2209.** Every person whose message is refused or postponed, contrary to the provisions of this Chapter, is entitled to recover from the carrier his actual damages, and fifty dollars in addition thereto.

(Enacted 1872.)