

## CHAPTER 18.

## AUTOMATIC COUPLERS AND BRAKES TO RAILWAY CARS.

**AN ACT** Requiring all railroads, corporations, companies and persons, operating a railroad and doing business in Iowa, to equip all their engines and cars with proper, efficient and safe automatic couplers and brakes, and for prescribing penalties for failure thereof. H. F. 25.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1.** That it shall be unlawful for any corporation, company or person operating any line of railroad in this state, any car manufacturers or transportation company using or leasing cars, to put in use in this state any new cars or any cars that have been sent in to the shop or shops for general repairs, or whose draft rigging has to be repaired with a new draw bar or bars, that are not equipped with safety or automatic couplers to draw bars, such as will not necessitate the going between the ends of the cars to couple or uncouple them, but operated from the side of the car. Use of new or repaired cars without safety couplers, forbidden.

**SEC. 2.** That after January 1, 1895, it shall be unlawful for any corporation, company or persons operating a railroad, or any transportation company using or leasing cars of any description and used in the commerce of the country, or in the construction of railroads, to have upon any railroad in Iowa for use in the transportation of freight or passengers any car that is not equipped with such safety automatic coupler as provided for in Section one of this Act. All cars must be equipped after Jan. 1, 1895.

**SEC. 3.** That it shall be unlawful for any corporation, company or person operating any line of railroad in this State, to use any locomotive engine upon any railroad or in any railroad yard in this State after the First Day of January, 1892, that is not equipped with a proper and efficient power brake, commonly called a "driver brake". Locomotives must be equipped with driver brakes after Jan. 1, 1892.

**SEC. 4.** That it shall be unlawful for any corporation, company or person operating a line of railroad in this state, to run any train of cars after the First Day of January, 1893, that shall not have in that train a sufficient number of cars with some kind of efficient automatic or power brakes so that the engineer upon the locomotive car can control the train without requiring brakemen to go between the ends or on the top of the cars to use, as now, the common hand brake. All trains must have automatic power brakes after Jan. 1, 1893.

Companies must state in report number equipped with brakes and safety couplers.

SEC. 5. Every railroad corporation, company or person operating a railroad in this state, and every person or persons using or leasing cars in the transportation business, or in building railroads, shall, and are by this act required to include in their annual report to the state railroad commissioners the number of locomotive engines and cars used in this state and what number is equipped with automatic power brakes and what number of cars equipped with automatic safety couplers and the kind of brakes and couplers used and the number of each kind, when more than one kind is used.

Penalty for operating contrary to law.

SEC. 6. Any corporation, company or person operating a railroad in this state, and using a locomotive engine or running a train of cars or using any freight, way or other car, contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars or not more than One Thousand Dollars, for the benefit of the school fund, for each and every offense, provided the penalties on this section shall not apply to companies in hauling cars belonging to railroads other than those of this State which are engaged in interstate traffic and any railroad employee who may be injured by the running of such engine, or train or car contrary to the provisions of this law, shall not be considered as waiving his right to recover damage by continuing in the employ of such corporation, company or person running such engine or trains or cars contrary to this law.

Rights of persons injured.

Approved April 5, 1890.

## CHAPTER 19.

### TAXES IN AID OF RAILROADS.

S. F. 206.

AN ACT to amend Sections Six (6) and Seven (7) of Chapter one hundred fifty-nine (159) of the Laws of the Twentieth General Assembly of Iowa in Relation to Taxes in Aid of Railroads.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Sec. 6, Chap. 159, Acts 22 G. A. amended; \$18,500.

SECTION 1. That Section Six (6) of Chapter One hundred fifty-nine (159) of the Laws of the Twentieth General Assembly of Iowa be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "Sixteen thousand dollars" from lines twenty-eight and twenty-nine thereof, and inserting in lieu of the said words stricken out the words "Eighteen thousand five hundred dollars."