

## CHAPTER 49.

S. F. 53.

AN ACT to amend section number two thousand and seventy-one (2071), chapter five (5) title ten (X) of the code, relating to liability for injuries to employes.

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

**Prior contracts not a bar or defense to cause of action.** That section number two thousand and seventy-one (2071) of the code be amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“Nor shall any contract of insurance, relief, benefit, or indemnity in case of injury or death, entered into prior to the injury, between the person so injured and such corporation, or any other person or association acting for such corporation, nor shall the acceptance of any such insurance, relief, benefit, or indemnity by the person injured, his widow, heirs, or legal representatives after the injury, from such corporation, person, or association, constitute any bar or defense to any cause of action brought under the provisions of this section, but nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent or invalidate any settlement for damages between the parties subsequent to injuries received.”

Approved March 8, 1898.]

## CHAPTER 50.

S. F. 52.

AN ACT to amend title ten (X), chapter five (5), of the code, in respect to the regulation of automatic couplers, required to be used by railways in this state.

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

**SECTION 1. Extension of time.** That section two thousand and eighty (2080) of the code, be and the same is hereby amended, by adding thereto after the period in the fourth line thereof the following: “Provided that the board of railroad commissioners shall have power upon a showing which it shall deem reasonable, to extend the time within which any such corporations shall be required to comply with the provisions of this section; but no such extension shall be made beyond January 1st, 1900.”

**SEC. 2. In effect.** This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved January 28, 1898.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, January 29, 1898.

G. L. DOBSON,  
Secretary of State.

## CHAPTER 51.

H. F. 163.

AN ACT relating to certain fines and penalties provided for by section two thousand and eighty-three (2083) of the code pertaining to automatic couplers.

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

**SECTION 1. Exempt from liability.** That no corporation, company, or person shall be liable to any prosecution in any court of this state for any fines or penalties incurred under the provisions of section two thousand and eighty-three (2083) of the code in so far as the same relates to the operation of cars not equipped with safety automatic couplers only, as provided by section twenty hundred and eighty (2080) of the code, from the first day of January, 1898, up to and including the time of the taking effect of this act; and every such corporation, company, or person shall be, and is hereby,