

CHAPTER 125.

REGISTRATION OF HIGHWAY ROUTES.

S. F. 581.

AN ACT to provide for the registration of highway routes, together with the names, color combinations and designs used in marking the same; prohibiting the duplications thereof; and providing penalties for the violation of this act. [Additional to chapter one (1) of title eight (VIII) of the code relating to the establishment of roads.]

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

SECTION 1. Application—registration—marking. Any association organized to promote the improvement of any continuous highway not less than twenty-five (25) miles in length may, by making application to the state highway commission, register in the office of said commission the name, detailed route, color combination and design used in marking said route. The highway commission shall have power to determine priority of right in the use of said name, color combination and designs.

SEC. 2. Blanks—fees. The application shall be in the form prescribed by the commission upon blanks furnished by it, and shall be properly acknowledged by the president and secretary of the association before a notary. Said application shall be accompanied by a registration fee of five dollars (\$5), which fee shall be returned to the association if the application be not granted.

SEC. 3. Certificate. If the state highway commission shall, after investigation, adjudge the application meritorious and the route to be worthy of the protection of this act, it shall issue to the association a certificate which shall designate in detail the name, the starting and the terminal points, the color combination and designs used in marking the route; all of which facts shall be recorded as a part of the permanent records of the commission in a book kept for that purpose.

SEC. 4. Infringement prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person or association of persons to use for similar purposes the name, any recorded color combination and designs herein referred to.

SEC. 5. Defacement—penalty. Any person who shall injure or deface any sign board, design or other markings designating routes, shall be subject to the provisions of section forty-eight hundred one (4801) of the code.

SEC. 6. Cancellation. When any such highway association ceases to exist or when the interest in the route, name and markings has ceased, the state highway commission may, after proper investigation, cancel the records and registration herein referred to and re-assign the name, color combination, designs, or other markings to any association making application for their use.

SEC. 7. Fees. All fees received by the state highway commission under this act shall be turned into the state treasury.

SEC. 8. Violation—punishment. Any person or officer of any association violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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