

CHAPTER 171.

EQUIPMENT OF LOCOMOTIVES WITH HEADLIGHTS.

Sub. for S. F. 192.

AN ACT additional to chapter five (5) title ten (10) [X] of the code to require locomotives to be equipped with headlights, to prescribe the character of such headlights and to punish the failure to so equip the same.

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

SECTION 1. Head light—certain candle power—equipment—when—exceptions. It shall be the duty of every person, firm or corporation owning or operating any line of railway within the state of Iowa to equip all locomotives, power vehicles, power cars, or other equipment used as the equivalent of or in place of a locomotive, when used in the transportation of passengers or freight with a headlight of sufficient candle power, measured with a reflector, to throw a light in clear weather that will enable the operator of same to plainly discern, an object the size of a man lying prone on the track at a distance of eleven hundred (1100) feet from the headlight, and thereafter to maintain and use such headlights upon every such locomotive, vehicle car or other equipment.

It shall be the duty of all such common carriers to so provide and equip ten per cent of the whole number of locomotives used by such carriers with such headlight within ninety (90) days after the taking effect of this act, and an additional ten per cent of such locomotives to be so equipped each and every thirty (30) days thereafter until all such engines and locomotives, and other equipment used as equivalent thereof shall be equipped with such headlight.

This act shall not be construed to apply to power cars used by street railways and operated wholly within the corporate limits of any city or town, nor to engines or other equipment used exclusively for switching purposes, nor to engines or other equipment running after sun rise and before sunset.

SEC. 2. Failure to equip—penalty. Any person, firm or corporation owning such line of railway or the equipment operated thereon, who shall cause or permit any locomotive, power vehicle, power car, or other equipment used as the equivalent thereof, to be operated without being equipped with the headlight required by the provisions of section one (1) hereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense. Provided, however, that no punishment shall be imposed for the operation of any such locomotive or the equivalent thereof without such headlight, when such locomotive was properly equipped with such headlight at the commencement of the trip, providing it is shown that such headlight was in good and sufficient working condition when the trip was begun and became disabled during the trip.

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