

CHAPTER 156

RAILROADS

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AN ACT to protect firemen, engineers and employees of steam railroads, by providing for automatic doors to the fire boxes of locomotive engines, prescribing penalties for its violation, repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and providing a time when the same is to be in force.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Automatic fire box door.** That all steam railroad com-
2 panies operating steam locomotive engines on its railroad or railroads
3 in or through this state, shall provide and equip each and every such
4 steam locomotive engine so operated over its road or roads in this
5 state with an automatic door to the fire box of such locomotive engine.
6 Such automatic door shall be constructed and operated by steam, com-
7 pressed air or electricity, as deemed best and most efficient by the
8 officers of such railroad. The device for operating such door shall be
9 so constructed that it may be operated by the fireman on said engine
10 by means of a push button or other appliance located in the floor of
11 the engine deck or floor of the tender at a suitable distance from such
12 door to enable the fireman while firing such engine, by pressure with
13 his foot to open said door for the firing of such engine.

1 **SEC. 2. When to be installed.** The equipment provided for in this
2 act shall be installed when a locomotive undergoes general repair and
3 the use of a locomotive before such general repairs are made shall
4 not be regarded as a violation of this act.

1 **SEC. 3. Misdemeanor—penalty—limitation.** Each and every steam
2 railroad company failing to provide and maintain in good condition
3 and working order an automatic fire box door as in the first section
4 of this act required and provided for shall be guilty of a misdemeanor
5 and shall be liable to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars
6 (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each and
7 every day such locomotive is operated in this state without such
8 automatic door, provided, however, that the provisions of this act shall
9 not apply to locomotive engines equipped with mechanical stokers.

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