The agency having jurisdiction and control over any highway in the state, or the chief engineer of said agency when delegated by such 5 6 agency, may temporarily close sections of a highway by formal resolution entered upon the minutes of such agency when reasonably necessary because of construction, reconstruction, maintenance or natural 8 disaster and shall cause to be erected "road closed enter at your own risk" signs and partial or total barricades in the roadway at each end 10 of the closed highway section and on the closed highway where that 11 12 highway is intersected by other highways if such intersection remains 13 open. Any numbered road closed for over 48 hours shall have a designated detour route. The agency having jurisdiction over a section of 14 15 highway closed in accordance with the provisions of this section, or the persons or contractors employed to carry out the construction, recon-16 17 struction, or maintenance of the closed section of highway, shall not be 18 liable for any damages to any vehicle that enters the closed section of highway or the contents of such vehicle or for any injuries to any per-19 20 son that enters the closed section of highway, unless the damages are 21 caused by gross negligence of the agency or contractor.

Approved May 12, 1975

## CHAPTER 164

## TRANSPORTATION REGULATION BOARD

H. F. 73

AN ACT relating to the duties of the counsel of the transportation regulation board. Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section three hundred seven point eighteen (307.18), subsections four (4), five (5), and six (6), Code 1975, are amended to 2 3 read as follows:

4. Appoint such counsel as it deems necessary. The counsel shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

5 a. Investigate the legality of all rates, charges, tariffs, rules, regulations, and practices of all common carriers and persons under the jurisdiction of the board, and institute civil proceedings before the board or any proper court to correct any illegality on the part of any common carrier and prosecute the same to final determination.

11 6 b. Investigate the reasonableness of rates, tariffs, charges, rules, 12 regulations, and practices of all such common carriers in interstate transportation when directed by the board, or when in the counsel's 13 judgment they are unlawful, prejudicial, and discriminate against any 14 15 city, community, business, industry or citizen of the state and institute 16 before the interstate commerce commission or any other tribunal hav-17 ing jurisdiction and prosecute to final determination any proceeding growing out of such matters.

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