

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REGULATE THE EXECUTION AND TRANSFER OF NOTES GIVEN FOR PATENT RIGHTS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That whenever any promissory note or other negotiable instrument shall be given, the consideration for which shall consist, in whole or in part, of the right to make, use or sell, any patented invention or inventions claimed to be patented, the words "given for a patent right" shall be prominently and legibly written or printed on the face of such note or instrument, above the signature thereto, and such note or instrument in the hands of any purchaser or holder, shall be subject to the same defenses and off-sets as in the hands of the original owner or holder; and any person who shall purchase or become the holder of any promissory note or other negotiable instrument, knowing the same to have been given for the consideration aforesaid, shall hold such note or other instrument subject to the same defenses or off-sets as in the hands of the original owner or holder, although the words "given for a patent right" shall not be written or printed upon the face thereof.

SEC. 2. If any person shall take, purchase, sell or transfer any promissory note or other negotiable instrument not having the words, "Given for a patent right," written or printed legibly and permanently on the face of such note or instrument above the signature thereto, knowing the consideration of such note or other instrument to consist in whole or part of the right to make, use or sell any patented invention or inventions claimed to be patented, every such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail six months, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. This act being deemed by the General Assembly of immediate importance, it shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the *Iowa State Register* and *Iowa Homestead*, papers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

