

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT PROHIBITING THE LEASING OF CONVICT LABOR WITHIN THE  
STATE OF IOWA, AND PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF SUCH LABOR.

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

SECTION 1. All acts and parts of acts providing for or permitting contracts for the labor  
2 of convicts in the penitentiaries of this State are hereby repealed. *Provided*, that this act  
3 shall be so construed as not to affect or impair the obligation of any contract now in force  
4 within this State for such labor. But said contracts shall not be renewed or extended.

SEC. 2. All persons sentenced and confined, under the provisions of section 4770 of the  
2 Code, to imprisonment at hard labor, shall be employed at hard labor under the charge and  
3 supervision of the warden of the penitentiary, and such other officers subordinate to said  
4 warden, as the General Assembly shall appoint or direct to be appointed by the Governor.

SEC. 3. Such employment of prisoners shall be in such industries as may be directed from  
2 time to time by the Executive Council, and shall be by hard labor; and no machinery to be  
3 propelled by other than hand or foot power shall be used in connection with said employ-  
4 ment.

SEC. 4. The warden may employ from time to time competent persons to superintend and  
2 instruct said prisoners in said industries. But the number of such persons and the compen-  
3 sation to be paid shall first be approved by the Governor.

SEC. 5. The warden shall, under the approval and direction of the Executive Council,  
2 purchase such tools, implements and materials as may be found necessary under the pro-  
3 visions of this act, and the bills therefor, when approved by said council, shall be paid out  
4 of the State treasury, out of moneys that may from time to time be appropriated therefor,  
5 upon schedules prepared and sworn to by said warden. The schedules of bills for materials  
6 and salaries shall be separate from those for tools and implements, and both of said sched-  
7 ules shall be separate from the bills incurred for the support of the penitentiary.

SEC. 6. The warden shall, as far as practicable, have manufactured in such penitentiary  
2 the articles in general use in the several State institutions. He shall from time to time  
3 notify the officers of such institutions having charge of the purchase of supplies, of the  
4 quantity, &c., of manufactured goods he has on hand, and said officers shall, as far as prac-  
5 ticable, purchase of said warden such of said goods as may be required for use in their  
6 respective institutions. Any article not thus sold may be sold to the public. But all goods  
7 so manufactured shall be sold at the wholesale market price of goods of like kind and  
8 grade.

SEC. 7. Each convict employed at hard labor within said penitentiaries shall be credited  
2 in the books of said institution, with quarterly earnings, to be fixed from time to time by  
3 the warden thereof, and approved by the Executive Council, from which earnings the cost  
4 of board and clothing supplied to said convict shall be deducted, and the balance paid to  
5 his family or dependents, under such rules as the Executive Council shall provide. In case  
6 no family or dependent appears, the amount of said earnings so remaining shall at his dis-  
7 charge be paid to said convict.

SEC. 8. The warden shall report monthly to the Executive Council the amounts by him  
2 paid for the preceding month for wages, tools, implements and materials, and the amounts  
3 received by him on sales, the form of said reports to be as said council shall direct.

SEC. 9. The warden shall make an annual report to the Governor, in which he shall  
2 state what industries have been carried on in the penitentiary under his charge during said  
3 year, the number of prisoners employed, giving the highest and lowest number at any one  
4 time, the kind and quantity of goods manufactured, the amount sold to such institutions  
5 and otherwise, and the prices received therefor, and any other items the Governor may  
6 direct.

SEC. 10. This act shall not be construed to affect any regulation now existing or which  
2 may hereafter be made in accordance with law, in regard to the employment—in the State  
3 quarries adjacent to the additional penitentiary at Anamosa of prisoners confined in said  
4 additional penitentiary; *provided*, that section 7 hereof, relating to wages of convicts shall  
5 apply to said convicts at Anamosa.

SEC. 11. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby  
2 repealed.