

# A BILL

## FOR AN ACT TO PREVENT IMPROPER COMBINATIONS BY INSURANCE COMPANIES, THEIR OFFICERS AND AGENTS.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for two or more insurance companies, organized under  
2 the laws of this state or under the laws of any other state and doing business within this  
3 state, to so combine or pool so as to prevent competition directly or indirectly in the insur-  
4 ance of property within this state against loss by fire, lightning or tornadoes.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for two or more such insurance companies to form a board or  
2 trust having for its object the fixing of rates, and by which they agree to be governed and  
3 bound in such manner as not to insure property to which such rates apply below the rates  
4 agreed upon, or if any such insurance company shall in any other manner so unite or com-  
5 bine as not to be perfectly free to insure property within this state against loss by fire, light-  
6 ning or tornadoes at such rates as the parties may fairly agree upon without restraint and  
7 uninfluenced by any agreement of such insurance company with any other company as to  
8 what rate shall be charged it shall likewise be unlawful.

SEC. 3. Any insurance company violating any of the provisions of sections 1 or 2 of this  
2 act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to indictment by the grand jury of  
3 any county in which such offense is committed, either in whole or in part, and upon convic-  
4 tion thereof shall pay a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. Any local agent, general agent or other officer of any such insurance company who  
2 shall engage in or do any of the acts hereinbefore prohibited, for and on the part of his com-  
3 pany or the one he represents, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction  
4 be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or by a fine not ex-  
5 ceeding five hundred dollars.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the court in which any conviction of a com-  
2 pany or any of its agents for a violation of the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act is had,  
3 immediately to file in the office of the auditor of state a certified copy of said record of con-  
4 viction, and upon the filing of the same the auditor of state shall immediately revoke the  
5 license or authority of said company to write insurance in this state, and no renewal thereof  
6 shall be granted for the period of one year from the date of such revocation, unless said con-  
7 viction shall have been reversed by the supreme court of this state.

SEC. 6. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force  
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers  
3 published in Des Moines, Iowa.