

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROTECT PERSONS AND PROPERTY FROM DANGER FROM STEAM ENGINES ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

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

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of persons in charge of any steam engine being propelled over the highways of this state, wholly or in part by steam power, to stop said engine whenever they meet any person or persons going in the opposite direction on said highway with horses or other animals, until said horses or other animals shall have passed by; and said engine shall be stopped when it is one hundred (100) yards distant from said horses or other animals, and sooner in case said horses or other animals become frightened at said engine before arriving at said distance. The owner or driver of said engine shall also keep a good trusty man, not less than fifty (50) nor more than two hundred (200) yards in advance of said engine, to assist in controlling any horses or other animals being driven or used on said highway, until said horses or other animals shall have passed by said engine; and it shall be the duty of the man thus sent in advance to use all reasonable care and diligence to prevent the occurrence of any accidents which might result in case said horses or other animals become frightened at said steam engine.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to blow the whistle of said engine, while on the public highway.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a steam engine over any bridge or culvert, on any public highway in this state, without using four sound, strong planks, each to be not less than twelve feet long, one foot wide and two inches thick. Two of said planks to be kept continuously under the wheels of said engine while crossing said bridge or culvert.

SEC. 4. Any owner of a steam engine, who, by himself, agent or employe, violates the provisions of sections one or two of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall for each offense, be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars, to be recovered before any court of competent jurisdiction, and shall also be liable for all damages that may be sustained by persons or property by reason of his failing to comply with the provisions of this act; and for a violation of section three of this act, the owner of said engine shall be liable for all damages resulting to said bridge or culvert by reason of

8 his failure to comply with the requirements of said section, together with the costs of prosecu-
9 tion.

2 **Sec. 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa
State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.