

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO REGULATE THE WEIGHING OF COAL IN MINES,
AND TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BE-
TWEEN THE OPERATORS OF COAL MINES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES.

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

SECTION 1. That all coal mined in the state under contracts for payment by the bushel,
2 ton or other quantity, shall be weighted in the car or other receptacle in which it is placed by
3 the employe at his working place in the mine, and shall be so weighted before being screened,
4 and such employe shall be credited with the full weight thereof, and eighty pounds of coal as
5 mined shall constitute a bushel, and two thousand pounds shall constitute a ton.

SEC. 2. Each state mine inspector shall procure from the state superintendent of weights
2 and measures at the state, a full and complete set of standards, balances and other means of
3 adjustment such as are necessary in the comparison and adjustment of the scales, beams and
4 other apparatus used in weighing coal at the mines to the state standards of weights. And it
5 shall be the duty of said inspectors to examine, test and adjust, as often as occasion demands,
6 all scales, beams and other apparatus used in weighing coal at the mines.

SEC. 3. Any provision, stipulation or condition of any contract between employer and
2 employe, whereby the provisions of this act are waived or modified, shall be void and of no
3 effect. And any person engaged in mining coal shall, for labor, be entitled to receive the
4 stipulated price per bushel, ton or other quantity therefor, the amount of coal mined by him
5 to be estimated according to the system of weights and measures established by this act, any-
6 thing in the contract of employment to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 4. Any person damaged by reason of coal mined by him not having been weighted
2 and credited to him in accordance with the provisions of this act, may recover his damages in
3 a civil action against the employer, but such action must be begun within two years after the
4 right thereto accrued, but his right to recover in such action shall not be barred by reason of
5 his having knowledge of the violation of the provisions of this act at the time, nor by reason
6 of his having consented thereto.