

A BILL

FOR AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF GEO. M. BLATTNOR, W. H. GEORGE AND J. D. NORRIS.

WHEREAS, On the 11th day of November, 1887, in the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Marion county, a judgment was rendered against George M. Blattner, W. H. George and J. D. Norris as sureties on the bond of S. L. Crook, on the relation of one E. W. Starr, for a violation of the prohibitory statutes of said state by said S. L. Crook. Said violation consisting of sales made by the said S. L. Crook to minors and persons in the habit of becoming intoxicated.

AND WHEREAS, Said sales were made under permit issued on January 27th, 1887, and continuing until March 26th, 1887.

AND WHEREAS, Said bondsmen at the time of signing the bond of said S. L. Crook, had positive pledges from the said S. L. Crook that said business would be conducted strictly in accordance with law, and were thereby induced to sign that bond.

AND WHEREAS, Shortly after said business was opened under the permit, said bondsmen had reason to believe from the reports that came to them that said business was not being conducted in accordance with law, and went to, and tried to persuade the said S. L. Crook from further conducting said business, but were unable to persuade him to stop said business, and were unable on their part to find sufficient legal evidence of the violation of the law, to properly enjoin said Crook from further sales until after the illegal sales had been made, for which judgment was obtained in this action, to-wit: About the 25th day of March, 1887, at which time they did persuade him, the said S. L. Crook, to surrender his permit and close up said business.

AND WHEREAS, Said bondsmen did at all times, in good faith, do all in their power to prevent said illegal sales, and to prevent the said S. L. Crook from continuing the business in violation of law.

AND WHEREAS, Said business was conducted for only the space of about thirty days, and during the greater part of said time against the protest and wish of said bondsmen. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the said George M. Blattner, W. H. George and J. D. Norris, be, and are

2 hereby released from all liability by reason of judgment rendered in said case, being number
3 1956 in the district court of Iowa, and for Marion county, upon the relation of E. W. Starr,
4 which judgment appears in book F, on pages 347 and 348 of said court, and the said judg-
5 ments are hereby ordered cancelled, so far as the state of Iowa may be interested, or so
6 far as any interest the school fund of the state of Iowa may be interested. And the
7 said George M. Blattner, W. H. George and J. D. Norris are hereby released from all liability
8 thereunder to the state of Iowa, it not being the intention hereby to relieve the said George
9 M. Blattner, W. H. George and J. D. Norris from the costs in this case, or the amount that
10 would be due by the provisions of the statute, to the relater.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in full force and effect
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Iowa State Leader, news-
3 papers published at Des Moines, Iowa. Said publication being without expense to the state
4 of Iowa.