

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 132 OF THE ACTS OF THE TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

SECTION 1. That section 1 of chapter 132 of the laws of the Twentieth General Assembly be amended by inserting after the word "annum," in the second line thereof, the following: "And shall be allowed a deputy at a salary of \$1,200 per annum"; and by inserting after the word "for," in the fourth line thereof, the following: "The commissioner or any officer or employe of the bureau of labor statistics, shall be allowed, in addition to their salaries, their actual and necessary traveling expenses while in the performance of their duties; and said expenses to be paid out of the general fund of the state upon a voucher verified by the commissioner."

SEC. 2. That section 6 of the chapter 132 of the laws of the Twentieth General Assembly be repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

SECTION 6. The commissioner, or any officer or employe of the bureau of labor statistics, shall have the power to issue subpoenas administer oaths and take testimony in all matters relating to the duties herein required by said bureau, said testimony to be taken in some suitable place in the vicinity to which testimony is applicable. Witnesses subpoenaed and testifying before any officer or employe of the bureau shall be paid the same fees as witnesses before a justice court, such payment to be made out of the contingent fund of the bureau. Any person duly subpoenaed under the provisions of this section, who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to attend or testify at the time and place named in the subpoena shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$50 and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days; *provided*, however, that no witness shall be compelled to go outside the county in which he resides to testify.

SEC. 3. That said chapter be further amended by adding thereto as section 7 the following:

SECTION 7. The commissioner of labor or any officer or employe of the bureau of labor shall have the power to enter any factory or mill, workshop, mine, store, business house, pub-

5 lic or private work, when the same is open or in operation, upon a written request being
 6 made in writing, for the purpose of gathering facts and statistics such as are contemplated
 7 by this act, and to examine into the methods of protection from danger of employes, and
 8 the sanitary conditions in and around such buildings and places, and make a record thereof;
 9 and any owner or occupant of such factory or mill, workshop, mine, store, business house,
 10 public or private work, or any agent or employe of such owner or occupant who shall
 11 refuse to allow any officer or employe of said bureau to so enter, or who shall hinder him or
 12 in any way deter him from collecting information, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor,
 13 and upon conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by
 14 a fine not exceeding \$100 and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment in the county jail
 15 not exceeding thirty days.

SEC. 4. That said chapter be further amended by adding thereto as section 8 the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 Section 8. The expressions "factory," "mill," "workshop," "mine," "store," "business
 4 house," and "public or private work," as used in this act, shall be construed to mean any
 5 factory, mill, workshop, mine, store, business house, public or private work, where one or
 6 more wage earners are employed for a certain stipulated compensation.

SEC. 5. That said chapter be further amended by adding thereto as section 9 the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 Section 9. It shall be the duty of every owner, operator, or manager of every factory, mill,
 4 workshop, mine, store, business house, public or private work, or any other establishment where
 5 labor is employed, to make to the bureau, upon blanks furnished by said bureau, such reports
 6 and returns as said bureau may require for the purpose of compiling such labor statistics as
 7 are contemplated by this act; and the owner, operator, or business manager shall make such
 8 reports or returns within thirty days from the receipt of blanks furnished by the commis-
 9 sioner, and shall certify under oath to the correctness of the same. Any owner, operator, or
 10 manager of such factory, mill, workshop, mine, store, business house, public or private work,
 11 who shall neglect or refuse to furnish to the commissioner of labor such reports or returns as
 12 may be required by the following blank shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon
 13 conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100 and costs of prosecution,
 14 or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days.

15 BLANK.

16 Name of firm or corporation?..... Number of hands employed during
 17 year ending December 31?.....; males.....; females.....; apprentices..... Total
 18 amount of wages paid during year ending December 31? \$..... Total amount of wages
 19 paid previous year? \$..... Any general increase or reduction of wages during the
 20 past year? If so, what per cent of increase or reduction?..... Cause of increase or

21 reduction? Total value of business done during year ending
 22 December 31? \$ Total amount of business done previous year? \$
 23 Cause of increase or reduction? What means are provided for the
 24 escape of employes in case of fire? What measures are taken to
 25 prevent accident to employes from machinery? How are buildings
 26 ventilated? Are different water closets and wash rooms provided for
 27 the different sexes? (Number of weeks during past year business was run
 28 on full time with full force. Number of weeks during past year business
 29 was run on short time or with reduced force? Number of weeks past year
 30 business was suspended? Cause of partial or entire suspension? How
 31 does business compare with previous year? Number of strikes during year
 32 ending December 31? number involved; alleged cause;
 33 result.

Sec. 6. That said chapter be further amended by adding thereto as Section 10 the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 Section 10. Any employe who shall neglect or refuse to furnish to the commissioner of labor
 4 within thirty days from receipt thereof, such reports or returns as may be required by the
 5 following blank, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof before
 6 any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be fined not to exceed fifty dollars and costs of
 7 prosecution, or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed thirty days.

8 BLANK.

9 What is your name? Postoffice address?
 10 In what state or country were you born?
 11 Age? Male or female? Married? Single? Widow or
 12 widower? How many dependent upon you for support? Adults?
 13 Children? Total. Are you entirely dependent upon your wages for your support?
 14 What occupation do you follow? How many hours per day do you work
 15 in summer, ; winter, How many weeks have you worked
 16 during the full year ending December 31? What wages
 17 do you receive per day? ; per week How often are you paid?
 18 Are you a member of any labor organization?
 19 Do you regard such organization as beneficial to wage earners generally?
 20 Do you own the house you live in? Is it all paid for? If not,
 21 how much do you owe on it? If you rent, what do you pay per month?
 22 How many rooms do you occupy? If you board, what do you pay per
 23 week? Are you subjected to any humiliating, degrading or especially obnox-
 24 ious shop rules? If so, what?

200 Sec. 7. That said chapter be further amended by adding thereto as Section 11 the fol-
2 lowing:

300 Section 11. In the reports of the commissioners no use shall be made of names of individ-
4 uals, firms or corporations supplying the information called for by sections 5 and 6 of this act,
5 such information being deemed confidential and not for the purpose of disclosing personal
6 affairs, and any officer or employe of the bureau of labor statistics violating this provision,
7 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum
8 not exceeding five hundred dollars and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment in the
9 county jail not exceeding one year.

100 Sec. 8. That said chapter be further amended by adding thereto as Section 12 the fol-
2 lowing:

300 Section 12. No report or return made to said bureau in accordance with the provisions of
4 this act, and no schedule, record or document gathered or returned by its officers or employes,
5 shall be destroyed within two years of the collection or receipt thereof. At the expiration
6 of two years all records, schedules or papers accumulating in said bureau during said period
7 that may be considered of no value by the commissioner may be destroyed, provided the
8 authority of the executive council be first obtained for such destruction.

900 Sec. 9. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be in force and take effect
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers
3 published in Des Moines, Iowa.