

A BILL

FOR AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PLACING AND MAINTENANCE OF SWITCH LIGHTS ON MAIN TRACK SWITCHES OF STEAM RAILROADS: PROVIDING FOR THE COLORS TO BE USED THEREIN AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

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

Section 1. Every steam railroad company operating wholly or partly in the State of Iowa,
2 shall place and maintain upon each switch in said State that is connected with the main track,
3 a signal light attached in such manner to the moving panel of such switch that it
4 will indicate safety by a green light when such switch is set to such main track and that it
5 will indicate danger by a red light when such switch is not set for such main track. Said
6 light shall be kept brightly burning constantly between the hours of sunset and sunrise, and
7 on such days or parts of days as are dark and foggy.

Sec. 2. Every steam railroad company operating wholly or partly in the State of Iowa
2 shall maintain a signal light as in section 1 described and provided, attached to and operated
3 by the moving panel of every derail switch in the State of Iowa. Said light shall be attached
4 to such derail switch and be in plain view of all approaching trains and kept brightly burning
5 constantly between the hours of sunset and sunrise: Providing that this section shall not
6 apply to the derails which are connected, mechanically or otherwise, with what are generally
7 known as interlockings.

Sec. 3. That for any violation of or failure to comply with any of the provisions of this
2 act such company shall be liable to all persons and employes injured by reason thereof, and
3 no employe shall in any case be held to have assumed the risk incurred by reason of such
4 violation or failure.

Sec. 4. Any company or persons whose duty it is to carry out the provisions of this act

2 shall "for each violation thereof" be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon con-
3 viction, be fined in any sum not less than Twenty-five (\$25) Dollars nor more than Five
4 Hundred (\$500) Dollars.

Sec. 5. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in
2 force from and after its publication in the Register and Leader and the Daily Iowa Capital,
3 newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.