

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DOCKING HORSES.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dock the tail of any horse,
2 within the state of Iowa, or to procure the same to be docked, or to import or bring into this
3 state, any docked horse, or horses, or to drive, work, use, race or deal in any unregistered
4 docked horse, or horses within the state of Iowa.

Sec. 2. Within ninety days after the passage of this act, every owner, or user of any
2 docked horse within the state of Iowa, shall register his or her docked horse or horses, by
3 filing in the office of the county clerk and recorder of the county in which docked horse, or
4 horses may then be kept, a certificate, which certificate shall contain the name, or names of
5 the owner, together with his or her post office address; a full discription of the color, age, size
6 and the use made of such docked horse, or horses; which certificate shall be signed by the
7 owner, or his, or her agent. The county clerk shall number such certificates consecutively
8 and record the same in a book, or register to be kept for that purpose only; and shall receive
9 as a fee for the recording of such certificate, the sum of fifty cents.

Sec. 3. The driving, working, keeping, racing or using of any unregistered docked horse,
2 or horses, after ninety days after the passage of this act, shall be deemed prima facie evidence
3 of the fact that the party driving, working, keeping, racing or using such unregistered docked
4 horse or horses, docked the tail of such horse or horses.

Sec. 4. Any person, or persons violating any of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed
2 guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine, in a sum not less

3 than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in county
4 jail, not less than thirty days, or more than ninety days for each offense, or by both such fine
5 and imprisonment.