

A BILL

FOR AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2500) TO PAY M. H. BYERS FOR HIS SERVICES IN PROSECUTING AND COLLECTING THE CLAIM OF THE STATE OF IOWA AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR MONEY EXPENDED BY THE STATE IN AIDING THE GOVERNMENT TO EQUIP AND PLACE IN THE FIELD ITS SOLDIERS FOR THE SPANISH WAR.

WHEREAS, The Twenty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa appropriated, and placed at the disposal of the Governor of the State, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to aid the national government in equipping and putting the soldiers of the United States in the field in the war between Spain and the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The Governor of Iowa expended during the years 1898 and 1899 one hundred and forty-seven thousand six hundred and forty-four dollars and six cents (\$147,644.06) of such fund for the purposes for which it was appropriated; and,

WHEREAS, At the close of said war General M. H. Byers, Adjutant General of the state of Iowa, at the request of Hon. L. M. Shaw, Governor of the State, prepared and presented a claim of the state of Iowa against the United States for the money expended in aid of the national government in equipping soldiers for the Spanish war; and,

WHEREAS, It was necessary for the said M. H. Byers to make several trips to Washington in the prosecution and collection of said claim from the national government, and for the purpose of meeting a special committee of congress appointed to pass upon and audit the claims of the various States against the national government incurred in the equipment of soldiers for the Spanish war; and

WHEREAS, The said Byers did make such several trips to Washington, and did take charge of and prosecute the claim of the state of Iowa against the national government, and did collect from the government and pay over to the state of Iowa the sum of one hundred and twenty-six thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars and forty-six cents (\$126,350.46), and did afterward procure a bill to be introduced in congress, which was passed without amendment, appropriating from the national treasury the sum of twenty thousand five hundred and forty-five dollars and seventy cents, (\$20,545.70), for the re-imbusement of the state of Iowa for moneys expended in aid of the government in equipping and placing soldiers in the field for the Spanish war; which said sums of money, thus paid by the national government for the

26 purpose of re-imbursing the state of Iowa for the money expended by it as aforesaid; together
27 with the further sum of seven hundred and forty-seven dollars and ninety cents (\$747.90), to
28 which the national government was entitled to credit because of property recovered and
29 taken from Camp McKinley by the state of Iowa, equal the entire claim of the state of Iowa
30 against the United States for money expended in aiding the national government in equipping
31 and placing its soldiers in the field for the Spanish war; and,

32 WHEREAS, The payment and collection of the claim of the State against the national govern-
33 ment in the manner aforesaid was due almost wholly to the energy, perseverance and ability
34 of the said M. H. Byers in presenting such claim and obtaining its payment from the national
35 government; and,

36 WHEREAS, He has not received any remuneration for his services to the State in preparing,
37 presenting and collecting said claim.

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

Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not
2 otherwise appropriated the sum of two thousand and five hundred dollars (\$2500), to pay the
3 said M. H. Byers for his services in presenting, prosecuting and collecting the claim of the
4 state of Iowa against the United States government for money expended by the State in aid
5 of the government in equipping and placing its soldiers in the field for the Spanish war; the
6 sum hereby appropriated to be paid to the said M. H. Byers upon warrant to be drawn in his
7 favor by the Auditor of State upon the state treasury upon the passage of this act.

Sec. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, news-
3 papers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.