

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REGULATE THE ISSUANCE, ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF FREE TRANSPORTATION, OR TRANSPORTATION AT LESS RATES THAN ARE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, BY RAILWAY, STREET RAILWAY, AND INTER-URBAN RAILWAY COMPANIES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

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

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any railway or railroad company, street railway or inter-urban railway company, doing business within this state, or any officer, agent or representative thereof, to issue, give, or offer to any person or persons whomsoever, a free pass or free transportation over any line or lines of railway, street railway or interurban railway within this state, except as provided in section 3 hereof.

It shall also be unlawful for any such company or any officer, agent or representative thereof, to issue, sell, offer or give transportation in any form to any person or persons whomsoever at any less rate than are open to all who may desire to buy the same under substantially the same conditions, except as provided in section 3 hereof.

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to solicit or use any free pass, free transportation, or transportation which under the provisions of section 1 hereof it is unlawful for said companies, their officers, agents or representatives, to issue, give, offer or sell.

Sec. 3. The exceptions mentioned in section 1 hereof are as follows, to-wit:

(1) Employees of railway, street railway, and interurban railway companies, and their immediate families, may receive passes or transportation but this exception shall not apply while any such employee is a candidate for any public office, or the incumbent thereof. Provided further, this exception shall not apply to more than one lawyer or firm of lawyers in any one town.

(2) Officers of such companies may receive and use what are known as "exchange passes."

(3) Clergymen may receive and use half fare permits.

(4) Upon the recommendation of the proper city or county authorities having in charge the relief of the poor, such companies may issue free transportation by way of charity, and the person or persons to whom such free transportation is issued may use the same.

(5) Such companies may make what are commonly known as "excursion rates," open to all persons within the class of the excursion, including rates for soldiers and sailors of the United

14 States, and for members of the Iowa National Guard.

15 (6) Such companies may run special trains for educational purposes intended to develop  
16 the material resources of the state, and may carry upon such trains without charge such guests  
17 as they may invite to accomplish the end in view.

18 (7) Such companies may issue free transportation from the point of shipment to destination  
19 and return to persons who accompany freight trains for the purpose of caring for livestock in  
20 course of shipment, and such transportation may be made good for a return trip upon passenger  
21 trains; provided, however, that such persons must actually accompany the livestock upon the  
22 trains in which it is being transported, from the point of shipment to the point of destination.

23 (8) Railways may pay for advertising in transportation, at the customary rates for both  
24 transportation and advertising.

25 (9) Street railways may permit members of the police force and fire department to ride  
26 free while in discharge of their duties.

27 (10) Such railway companies may run special trains to carry soldiers, militia or fire depart-  
28 ments, when an emergency requires such service, and may carry persons, if they so desire,  
29 upon said trains without charge.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of each railway company and interurban railway company to  
2 append to its annual report made to the Executive Council a list of all free passes and free  
3 transportation issued by it during the year for which each report is made. Such list shall  
4 give the names and address of the persons to whom such free passes or free transportation have  
5 been given, and the lines or parts of lines over which the same entitles the person receiving  
6 them to travel.

Sec. 5. Any officer, agent or representative of any corporation, organization, association or  
2 any person violating any of the provisions of section 1 and 2 hereof shall be punished by  
3 imprisonment in the county jail for not less than three months and not more than one year,  
4 or by a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$1,000.00.

5 And any corporation, association or organization violating any of said provisions shall be  
6 fined not less than \$100.00 or more than \$1,000.00.

7 Any corporation violating the provisions of section 4 hereof shall be punished by a fine of  
8 not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$1,000.00.

Sec. 6. No person shall be privileged from testifying in any proceeding, civil or criminal,  
2 with relation to any act or thing herein regulated or prohibited; provided however, that any per-  
3 son testifying to any matter that would incriminate himself shall not be prosecuted or punished  
4 for the offence concerning which he was required to testify.

Sec. 7. The phrase "immediate family" as used in this act, shall be construed to mean  
2 the wife, parents, children, brothers and sisters of such employe.

Sec. 8. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after

2 its publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Daily Capital, newspapers  
3 published at Des Moines, Iowa.