

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REGULATE THE CHARGING OF DEMURRAGE BY COMMON CARRIERS.

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

Section 1. Shippers or consignees on whose order a car or cars containing less than six-  
2 thousand pounds, have been placed for loading or unloading, shall have thirty-six hours for  
3 loading or unloading such cars, and sixty hours for loading or unloading those of sixty thou-  
4 sand pounds or more, computing time from 7 o'clock a. m. of the day after such car or cars  
5 have been placed subject to such order, and thereafter a demurrage charge of not more than  
6 one dollar per car per day or fraction of a day, may be assessed and collected on all such cars  
7 respectively as have not been tendered to the railroad company, with shipping instructions for  
8 loaded cars, within said respective periods of thirty-six and sixty hours of free time. Pro-  
9 vided, however, that no demurrage charge shall be collected in any case where a car is not  
10 moved within thirty-six hours after its release to the carrier by the shipper or consignee; and,  
11 provided further, that whenever during the period of free time the condition of the weather is  
12 such that it is impossible or impracticable to load or unload any car without injury or damage  
13 to the contents there shall be added to the free time, time equivalent to the storm period, and  
14 no demurrage charge shall be assessed or collected for such additional free time, and this rule  
15 shall be applicable to the state of the weather during ordinary business hours only.