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HOUSE FILE 611

Law Enforcement, *Pass as amended 1-29-70*

*Sen. 2-16, Pass 3/17*

By RENDA

Passed House, Date 2-6-70 Passed Senate, Date 3-26-70

Vote: Ayes 102 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 56 Nays 0

Approved .....

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act to prevent fires on and along railroad right-of-way.
- 2 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*
- 3 Section 1. No locomotive or other rolling stock shall be
- 4 operated unless it is equipped with proper deflector and
- 5 screen exhaust fire controls and uses adequate devices to
- 6 prevent the escape of blowing or burning materials or sub-
- 7 stances and is maintained in good working order to protect
- 8 against the start and spread of fires along the right-of-way.
- 9 A railroad shall keep its right-of-way fully cleared and pro-
- 10 tected from the first day of September in any year through
- 11 the first day of May following so as to prevent the setting
- 12 or escape of uncontrolled fire. The railroad, and any officers,
- 13 agent, lessee or independent contractor shall be
- 14 jointly or severally liable for any violation of this section.
- 15 A violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor punishable
- 16 by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or thirty days
- 17 in jail.

### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 611

This act will aid in the prevention of the hundreds of right-of-way fires which Iowa has each year. Its enactment can save many thousands of dollars of damage to crops, buildings and other property.