

CHAPTER 52.

STEAM ENGINES ON PUBLIC ROADS.

S. F. 296.

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in section fifteen hundred seventy-one (1571) of the supplement to the code, relating to steam engines on public roads.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. County not liable for personal injuries. That the law as it appears in section fifteen hundred and seventy-one (1571) of the supplement to the code be, and the same is hereby amended by inserting after the word "no" in the sixteenth line of said section, and before the word "case" in the seventeenth line of said section the word "such"; and by inserting after the word "liable" in the seventeenth line thereof the following: "for personal injuries or".

SEC. 2. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Daily Capital, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 6, A. D. 1904.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Daily Capital, April 8, 1904.

W. B. MARTIN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 53.

MOTOR VEHICLES.

H. F. 142.

AN ACT requiring registration of motor vehicles and regulating their use or operation upon highways or streets. [Additional to chapter two (2) of title eight (VIII) of the code, relating to working roads.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Terms defined. The words and phrases used in this act shall, for the purposes of this act only, be construed as follows: 1, "Motor vehicle" shall include all vehicles propelled by any power other than muscular power, excepting such motor vehicles as run only upon rails or tracks, provided that nothing herein contained shall apply to traction engines or road rollers; 2, "Closely built up portions", shall mean the territory of a city town or village contiguous to a public highway devoted to business or where for not less than one fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) of a mile the dwelling houses on such highway average not more than one hundred (100) feet apart.

SEC. 2. Statement—fees. Every owner of a motor vehicle shall, for every such vehicle owned by him, file in the office of the secretary of state a statement of his name and address, with a brief description of the vehicle to be registered, on a blank to be prepared and furnished by such secretary for that purpose. The filing fee shall be one (1) dollar.

SEC. 3. Statement filed—registration number. The secretary of state shall thereupon file such statement in his office, register such motor vehicle in a book to be kept for that purpose, and assign it a number, beginning with the number one (1) and so on in the order of filing.

SEC. 4. Change of owner—re-registration. Every person acquiring a motor vehicle shall file a like statement with the secretary of state and such secretary of state shall, in like manner, file such statement, register such vehicle and assign it a number. If the vehicle has previously been regis-

tered, such fact and number assigned it shall be set forth in the statement, and the previous registration shall be canceled; but the number of such previous registration may be assigned under the new registration.

SEC. 5. Seal. The secretary of state shall forthwith on such registration, and without other fee, issue and deliver to the owner of such motor vehicle a seal of aluminum or other suitable metal, which shall be circular in form, not over two (2) inches in diameter, and have stamped therein the words "registered in the office of the secretary of state for the state of Iowa, under the motor vehicle law, No.———" with the registration number inserted therein; which seal shall thereafter at all times be conspicuously displayed on the motor vehicle to which such number has been assigned.

SEC. 6. Number displayed. Every motor vehicle shall also at all times have the number assigned to it by the secretary of state displayed on the back of such motor vehicle in such a manner as to be plainly visible, the number to be in Arabic numerals, each not less than three (3) inches in height, and each stroke to be of a width not less than one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch, and also as a part of such number the initial and terminal letters of the state's name, such letters to be not less than two (2) inches in height.

SEC. 7. Non-resident owner. The provisions of sections two (2) to five (5) inclusive shall not apply to motor vehicles owned and operated by non-residents of this state, provided the owners thereof have complied with any law requiring the registration of owners of motor vehicles in force in the state, territory or federal district of their residence, and the registration number showing the initial of such state, territory or federal district shall be displayed on such vehicle substantially as provided by section six (6) of this act.

SEC. 8. Regulations. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on a public highway at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic and use of the highway, or so as to endanger the life or limb of any person, or in any event in the closely built up portions of a city, town or village, at a greater rate than one (1) mile in six (6) minutes, or elsewhere in a city, town or village at a greater rate than one (1) mile in four (4) minutes, or elsewhere outside of a city town or village at a greater average rate than twenty (20) miles per hour; subject, however, to the other provisions of this section. Upon approaching a crossing of intersecting public highways, or a bridge, or a sharp curve, or a steep descent, and also in traversing such crossing, bridge, curve or descent, a person operating a motor vehicle shall have it under control and operate it at a rate of speed less than hereinbefore specified, and in no event greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic then on such highway and the safety of the public.

SEC. 9. Caution—signals. Any person operating a motor vehicle shall, at request or on signal by putting up the hand, from a person riding or driving a restive horse or other draft or domestic animals, bring such motor vehicle immediately to a stop, and, if traveling in the opposite direction, remain stationery so long as may be reasonable to allow such horse or animals to pass, and, if traveling in the same direction, use reasonable caution in passing such horse or animal, and the operator and occupants of any motor vehicle shall render necessary assistance to the party having in charge said horse or other draft animal in so passing.

SEC. 10. Brakes—signal bell or horn—lamps. Every motor vehicle while in use on a public highway shall be provided with good and efficient brakes, and also with a suitable bell, horn or other signal, and be so constructed as to exhibit, during the period from one (1) hour after sunset to one (1) hour before sunrise, one or more lamps showing white light visible within a reasonable distance in the direction toward which such vehicle is proceeding, and also a red light visible in the reverse direction.

SEC. 11. Powers of cities and towns. Cities and towns shall have no power to pass, enforce or maintain any ordinance, rule or regulation requiring of any owner or operator of a motor vehicle any license or permit to use the public highways or excluding or prohibiting any motor vehicle whose owner has complied with section two (2) or section four (4) of this act from the free use of such highway, and all such ordinances, rules or regulations now in force are hereby declared to be of no validity or effect; provided that nothing in this act shall be construed as limiting the power of local authorities to make enforce and maintain ordinances, rules or regulations, in addition to the provisions of this act, affecting motor vehicles which are offered to the public for hire.

SEC. 12. Penalties. The violation of any of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25.) for the first offense, and punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.), or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days in the county jail for a second or subsequent offense.

Approved April 12, A. D. 1904.

CHAPTER 54.

OWNERSHIP OF REAL PROPERTY BY CORPORATIONS.

H. F. 158.

AN ACT to amend section sixteen hundred and forty-one (1641) of the code, relating to ownership of real property by corporations organized in this or any other state for pecuniary profit.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Repealed—ownership of property. That section sixteen hundred and forty-one (1641) of the code be repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

“Corporations organized in any foreign country or corporations organized in this country, the stock of which is owned in whole or in part by non-resident aliens, shall have the same rights, powers and privileges with regard to the purchase and ownership of real estate in this state as are granted to non-resident aliens in section twenty-eight hundred and ninety (2890) of the code.”

Approved February 27, A. D. 1904.

CHAPTER 55.

THE VOTING OF CORPORATE STOCK.

S. F. 206.

AN ACT relating to the right to vote corporate stock. Additional to chapter one (1), title nine (IX), of the code.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Right to vote stock. Every executor, administrator, guardian, or trustee, shall represent the stock in his hands at all corporate meetings, and may vote the same as a stockholder; and every person who shall pledge his stock, in the absence of a written agreement to the contrary, may represent the same at all such meetings and vote accordingly. The owner of corporate stock levied upon by attachment or other proceeding, shall have the right to vote the same at all corporate meetings, until such time as that