

## CHAPTER 135.

## TO PROHIBIT DOCKING HORSES.

H. F. 52.

AN ACT to prohibit docking horses, and providing penalties for the violation thereof. [Additional to chapter nine (9) of title twenty four (XXIV) of the code relating to offenses against chastity, morality and decency.]

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

**SECTION 1. Unlawful.** It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to dock the tail of any colt or horse of any age within the state of Iowa, or to procure the same to be done therein.

**SEC. 2. Penalty.** Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed thirty days.

Approved March 31, A. D. 1904.

## CHAPTER 136.

## CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE ESCAPES.

H. F. 88'.

AN ACT to repeal the law as it appears in sections forty-nine hundred and ninety-nine-e (4999-e), forty-nine hundred and ninety-nine-f (4999-f), forty-nine hundred and ninety-nine g (4999-g), forty-nine hundred and ninety-nine-h (4999-h), forty-nine hundred and ninety-nine-i (4999-i) forty-nine hundred and ninety-nine-j (4999-j) of the supplement of code and enact in lieu thereof the following, relative to the preservation of life and protection of property to require the construction of fire escapes to certain buildings and enclosures now constructed or hereafter to be erected, providing the manner of constructing same, and imposing penalties for violation thereof additional to chapter ten (10) of title twenty-four (XXIV) of the code, relating to offenses against the public health.

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

**SECTION 1. Protection against fire—means of escape.** The owners, proprietors and lessees of all buildings, structures or enclosures of three or more stories in height, now constructed or hereafter to be erected, shall provide for and equip said buildings and structures with such protection against fire and means of escape from such buildings as shall hereafter be set forth in this bill.

**SEC. 2. Buildings and enclosures—how classified.** The buildings, structures and enclosures contemplated in this act shall be classified as follows:

First. Hotels office buildings or lodging rooms of three or more stories in height.

Second. Tenements or boarding houses, of three or more stories in height, occupied by one or more families or aggregating twenty (20) persons or more; provided that a mansard roof or attic, when used for sleeping rooms, shall be counted as one story.

Third. Buildings used as opera houses, theaters or public halls, of a seating capacity exceeding three hundred (300).

Fourth. Seminaries and colleges public school buildings hospitals and asylums of three or more stories in height.

Fifth. Manufactories, warehouses and buildings of all character of three or more stories in height, not specified in the foregoing sections.

Sixth. Hotels and other buildings which are of strictly fireproof construction.

**SEC. 3. Fire escapes and stairways.** Each twenty-five hundred (2500) superficial feet of area, or fractional part thereof, covered by buildings or structures specified under classification one, of section 2, of this act, shall be provided with one ladder fire escape of steel or wrought iron construction, attached to the outer wall thereof, and provided with platforms of steel or wrought iron construction of such size and dimensions and such proximity to one or more windows of each story above the first with all doors leading thereto of half glass locked in such manner as to render access to such ladder from each story easy and safe, and with red lights to designate location of escapes said ladder to start about five feet from the ground and extend above the roof, or a drop ladder may be hung at the second story in such a manner that it can be easily lowered in case of necessity, provided, however, that where such buildings shall be occupied by more than twenty (20) persons, the said building shall as a substitute for one ladder be provided with one stairway of steel or wrought iron construction with above described platforms, accessible from each story with a drop or counterbalance stairway from the second story balcony to the ground, or a stationary stairway may be carried down to within five feet from the ground. Buildings under classification 2 of section 2 of this act shall be provided for in the same manner as those under the head of classification 1. Buildings under classification 3, of section 2, of this act shall be provided with at least one of above described outside stairways, or such a number of exits or such a number of above described stairways as may be determined by the chief of fire department, or the mayor of each city or town where no such chief of fire department exists. Each twenty-five hundred (2,500) superficial feet of area or fractional part thereof covered by buildings, structures or enclosures under classification 4 of section 2 of this act, shall be provided for in the same manner as those under the head of classification 3. Each twenty-five hundred (2,500) superficial feet of area or fractional part thereof covered by buildings, structures or enclosures under classification 5, section 2, of this act shall be provided with at least one above described outside stairway, provided, however, that if there be living or sleeping quarters for more than twenty-five (25) persons in such building, then there shall be at least two of the above described outside stairways. Each five thousand (5,000) superficial feet of area, or fractional part thereof covered by buildings under classification 6, section 2 of this act, shall be provided with at least one above described ladder, and platforms at each story, if not more than twenty (20) persons be employed in the same. If more than twenty (20) persons be employed, then there shall be at least two of the above described ladders, and platforms attached, or one such stairway, and platforms of sufficient size at each story, and if more than forty (40) persons be employed in said building, then there shall be at least two, or such number of the above described outside stairways as the chief of fire department, or the mayor of any city or town where no such chief of fire department exists, may from time to time determine. Each six thousand (6,000) superficial feet of area or fractional part thereof covered by buildings specified in classification seventh [sixth] of this act, shall be provided with one steel or wrought iron ladder fire escape with platform constructed, located and attached to such building in the manner herein provided.

**SEC. 4. Signs.** In buildings under all above classification[s] signs indicating location of fire escapes shall be posted at all entrances to elevators, stairway landings and in all rooms.

**SEC. 5. Enforcement—penalty.** It is hereby made the duty of commissioner of the bureau of labor statistics the chief of fire department, or the mayor of each city or town where no such chief of fire department exists, or the chairman of the board of supervisors, in case such building is not within the corporate limits of any city or town, to adopt uniform specifications for fire escapes hereinbefore provided, and keep such specifications on

file in their respective offices, and to serve or cause to be served a written notice in behalf of the state of Iowa upon the owner or owners, or their agents or lessees, of buildings within this state not provided with fire escapes in accordance with the provisions of this act, commanding such owner, owners, or agents or either of them, to place or cause to be placed upon said buildings, such fire escape or fire escapes as are provided in this act within sixty days after service of such notice, pursuant to the specifications established. Any such owner, owners' agents, trustees and lessees or either or any of them so served with notice as aforesaid, who shall not within sixty days after the service of said notice upon him or them, place or cause to be placed such fire escape or fire escapes upon such buildings as required by this act and the terms of said notice, shall be subject to a fine not less than fifty (\$50) dollars, and not more than one hundred (\$100) dollars, and shall be subject to a further fine of twenty-five (\$25) dollars for each additional-week of neglect to comply with such notice.

SEC. 6. **Inspection.** All fire escapes erected under the provisions of this act shall be subject to inspection and approval or rejection in writing, by the person named in section 4 of this act who has caused such written notice to be served.

SEC. 7. **Pending litigation--repealed.** Nothing in this act shall in any manner affect pending litigation. That sections four thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine-e (4999-e), four thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine-f (4999-f), four thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine-g (4999-g), four thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine-h (4999-h), four thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine-i (4999-i), four thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine-j (4999-j) of the supplement of the code are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. **In effect.** This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Register and Leader and Daily Capital, newspapers published at 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 Daily Capital, April 8, 1904.

W. B. MARTIN,  
*Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 137.

### OBJECTIONABLE ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

H. F. 352.

AN ACT relating to objectionable advertisements in the vicinity of public school buildings. [Additional to chapter eleven (11) of title twenty-four (XXIV) of the code, relating to offenses against public policy.]

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

SECTION 1. **What prohibited.** That no bills, posters or other matter used to advertise the sales of intoxicating liquors or tobacco shall be distributed posted painted or maintained within four hundred feet of premises occupied by a public school or used for school purposes, provided however that nothing in this act contained shall apply to advertisements in newspapers of regular publication, distributed to subscribers or purchasers thereof.

SEC. 2. **Penalty.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days.

Approved April 12, A. D. 1904.