

11 certificates of births and deaths, and burial and removal permits.
 12 All bills of whatsoever nature or character shall be itemized, cer-
 13 tified and approved by the state registrar to the auditor of state,
 14 who shall draw warrants therefor, provided that he finds the same
 15 to be true and correct.

1 **SEC. 26. Repeal—discontinuance of present system.** That all
 2 laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this act
 3 are hereby repealed only as far as it refers to this act; and no system
 4 for the registration of births and deaths shall be continued or main-
 5 tained in any of the several municipalities of this state other than
 6 the one provided for and established by this act.

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CHAPTER 223

INSURANCE

H. F. 640.

AN ACT amending section seventeen hundred eighty-three-b (1783-b), supplemental supplement to the code, 1915, (C. C. Sec. 5493), by adding a proviso thereto, relating to life insurance.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Medical examination not required.** That section sev-
 2 enteen hundred eighty-three-b (1783-b), supplemental supplement
 3 to the code, 1915, (C. C. Sec. 5493), be and the same is hereby
 4 amended by adding thereto the following proviso: "Provided, how-
 5 ever, that no medical examination of any person to be insured under
 6 an industrial policy shall be required or be necessary when the
 7 amount of the policy of insurance is five hundred dollars (\$500)
 8 or less."

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CHAPTER 224

INSURANCE

S. F. 668.

AN ACT to prevent fraud in the organization of Iowa insurance corporations, and the sale and disposition of the stock and other securities of insurance corporations within the state of Iowa, by placing the supervision of such organization and sale under the control of the commissioner of insurance, fixing the penalty for violating the provisions of this act, and providing for an appeal from the commissioner of insurance.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Power of commissioner over organization and sale**
 2 **of stock, etc.** The commissioner of insurance is hereby given su-
 2 pervision over the organization of domestic insurance corporations,

3 and over all transactions leading up to the organization of such
4 corporations, and also over the sale in the state of Iowa, of all stock,
5 certificates or other evidences of interest, either by domestic or
6 foreign insurance companies or organizations proposing to engage
7 in any insurance business. Neither the stock in an insurance com-
8 pany or the membership in an insurance association now or here-
9 after in process of organization shall be sold or solicited until such
10 company and association, and the promoters thereof, shall have first
11 complied with all of the statutory provisions regulating the organ-
12 ization of such companies and associations, and also have secured
13 from the commissioner of insurance a certificate of compliance in-
14 dicating full compliance with the provisions of this act. Before the
15 commissioner of insurance shall issue such certificate of compliance,
16 he shall first be satisfied with the general plan of such organization
17 and the character of the advertising to be used; he shall also fix the
18 time within such organization shall be completed; he shall also pre-
19 scribe the method of keeping books and accounts of such corpora-
20 tion and those of fiscal agents. The maximum promotion expense
21 which may be incurred, which shall in no case exceed fifteen (15)
22 per cent of the subscription price of said stock providing that an
23 additional two and one-half per cent (2½%) of the subscription
24 price of said stock may be used by the company for office expense
25 but no portion of such amount shall be used in the payment of
26 salaries for officers and directors before the issuance by the com-
27 missioner of insurance of authority to transact an insurance busi-
28 ness. The commissioner of insurance shall have power to regulate
29 all other matters in connection with the organization of such domestic
30 corporations, and the sale of stock or the issuing of certificates by
31 all insurance corporations within the state of Iowa, to the end that
32 fraud may be prevented in the organization of such companies and
33 the sale of their stocks and securities. The provisions of this act
34 shall apply to insurance corporations now organizing or selling their
35 stocks and securities within the state of Iowa.

1 **SEC. 2. Penalty and civil liability.** Any person, promoter, firm,
2 association, company or corporation coming within the provision
3 of this act, who shall fail to comply with the provisions of this act,
4 or with any order of the commissioner of insurance made hereunder,
5 or who shall otherwise neglect or refuse to comply with any of such
6 requirements, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon convic-
7 tion thereof shall be fined not to exceed one thousand dollars and
8 by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months. Those
9 guilty of violating the provisions of this act shall, in addition to the
10 criminal punishment otherwise imposed in this act, be liable to a
11 penalty in the amount of corporation stock wrongfully sold in any
12 insurance corporation in violation of this act, and said penalty may
13 be collected by civil suits brought by and in the name of the several
14 purchasers of such stock, instituted in any court of competent juris-
15 diction. Any insurance corporation selling stock or soliciting mem-
16 berships without first complying with the provisions of this act,
17 shall not be granted a certificate of authority to transact business
18 within the state of Iowa from the commissioner of insurance.

1 **SEC. 3. Appeals.** Any person, promoter, firm, association, com-
2 pany or corporation aggrieved by any order made by the commis-

3 sioner of insurance under the provisions of this act, shall have the
 4 right to appeal to the district court at the seat of government, by
 5 the service of a written notice of appeal on the commissioner of
 6 insurance and the attorney general; and thereupon the cause may
 7 be docketed and the case may be tried in the district court as a spe-
 8 cial equitable action by the filing of such transcript and such plead-
 9 ings as the court may prescribe in order that an intelligent hear-
 10 ing may be had and a just decision rendered thereon free from any
 11 technical objection or irregularities in the matter of procedure or
 12 the introduction of evidence.

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CHAPTER 225

NORTHERN IOWA BRIGADE

H. F. 705.

AN ACT to amend the acts of the thirty-seventh general assembly, chapter one hundred sixty-four, pertaining to pensions for the survivors of the Northern Border Brigade.

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

1 SECTION 1. **Beneficiaries enlarged.** That the law as it appears
 2 in section one (1), chapter one hundred sixty-four (164) of the acts
 3 of the thirty-seventh general assembly, be and hereby is amended
 4 by adding immediately following the comma following the word
 5 "inclusive" in the fourth (4) line thereof the words "or their widows"
 6 and by adding immediately following the comma following the word
 7 "survivor" in the sixth (6) line thereof the words "or his widow
 8 and widows of the members of Spirit Lake Expedition of 1857".

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CHAPTER 226

STATE BOARD OF AUDIT

S. F. 785.

AN ACT to repeal section one hundred seventy-r (170-r), supplemental supplement to the code of Iowa, 1915, (C. C. Sec. 276), and to enact a substitute therefor, relating to the creation of a state board of audit and defining their duties.

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

1 SECTION 1. **Ex officio members—duties.** That section one hun-
 2 dred seventy-r (170-r), supplemental supplement to the code of Iowa,
 3 1915, (C. C. Sec. 276), be and the same is hereby repealed and the
 4 following enacted in lieu thereof: "There is hereby created the
 5 state board of audit, to consist of the attorney general or one of
 6 his authorized assistants to be designated by him for this service,