

3 amended by striking from lines two (2) and three (3) of section one
 4 (1) the words and figures, "thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00)",
 5 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "twenty-five thousand
 6 dollars (\$25,000.00)".

Approved April 14, A. D. 1923.

CHAPTER 161

COMMON CARRIER

H. F. 821

AN ACT to repeal section twenty-one hundred twenty-six (2126), of the code, (C. C. 5177) and to enact a substitute therefor relating to the powers and duties of the board of railroad commissioners and regulation of carriers.

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

1 SECTION 1. Long and short haul—exceptions. That section twenty-
 2 one hundred twenty-six (2126), of the code, (C. C. 5177) be and the
 3 same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:
 4 "No common carrier, subject to the provisions of this chapter, shall
 5 charge more for the transportation of persons or property to or from
 6 any point on its railroad than a fair and just rate or charge.
 7 "No such common carrier, or carriers, shall charge or receive any
 8 greater compensation in the aggregate for the transportation of per-
 9 sons or of a like kind of property for a shorter than for a longer
 10 distance, over the same line or route in the same direction within this
 11 state, the shorter being included within the longer distance, or charge
 12 any greater compensation as a through rate than the aggregate of
 13 the intermediate rates; but, this shall not be construed as authorizing
 14 any such common carrier or carriers to charge or receive as great a
 15 compensation for a shorter as for a longer distance or haul; provided,
 16 that upon application to the board of railroad commissioners such
 17 common carrier or carriers may, in special cases, after investigation,
 18 be authorized by the board of railroad commissioners to charge less
 19 for a longer than for a shorter distance for the transportation of per-
 20 sons or property; and the board of railroad commissioners may from
 21 time to time prescribe the extent to which such designated common
 22 carrier or carriers may be relieved from the operation and require-
 23 ment of this section; but, in exercising the authority conferred upon
 24 it in this proviso, the board of railroad commissioners shall not permit
 25 the establishment of any charge to or from the more distant point
 26 that is not reasonably compensatory for the service performed; and,
 27 if a circuitous rail line or route is, because of such circuitry, granted
 28 authority to meet the charges of a more direct line or route to or
 29 from competitive points and to maintain higher charges to or from
 30 intermediate points on its line, the authority shall not include inter-
 31 mediate points as to which the haul of the petitioning line or route
 32 is not longer than that of the direct line or route between the com-
 33 petitive points."

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