

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REGULATE THE WEIGHING OF COAL AT MINES AND TO ESTABLISH A JUST AND UNIFORM SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any mine owner, lessee or operator of coal mines in
2 this State, employing miners at bushel or ton rates, or other quantity, to pass the output of
3 coal mined by said miner over any screne or other device which shall take any part from
4 the value thereof, before the same shall have been weighed and duly credited to the
5 employe sending the same to the surface, and accounted for at the legal rate of weights as
6 fixed by the laws of the State of Iowa.

SEC. 2. The weighman employed at any mine shall subscribe an oath or affirmation be-
2 fore a justice of the peace or other officer authorized to administer oaths, to do justice be-
3 tween employer and employe, and to weigh the output of coal from the mines in accordance
4 with the provisions of section 1 of this act. Said oath or affirmation shall be kept con-
5 spicuously posted in the weigh office, and any weigher of coal, or person so employed, who
6 shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misde-
7 meanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor
8 more than one hundred dollars for each offense, or by imprisonment in the county jail for
9 a period not to exceed thirty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, proceedings to
10 be instituted in any court having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Any person or persons having or using any scale or scales for the purpose of
2 weighing the output of coal at mines, so arranged or constructed that fraudulent weighing
3 may be done thereby, or who shall knowingly resort to or employ any means whatsoever,
4 by reason of which such coal is not correctly weighed and reported in accordance with the
5 provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction,
6 for each such offense, be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred dollars nor more
7 than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed
8 sixty days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, proceedings to be instituted in any court
9 of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. Any provision, contract or agreement between mine owners or operators thereof,
2 and the miners employed therein, whereby the provisions of section one (1) of this act are
3 waived, modified or annulled, shall be void and of no effect, and the coal sent to the surface

4 shall be accepted or rejected; and if accepted, shall be weighed in accordance with the
5 provisions of this act, and right of action shall not be invalidated by reason of any contract
6 or agreement.

SEC. 5. The provisions of this act shall also apply to the class of workers in mines known
2 as loaders, engaged in mines wherein the mining is done by machinery, whenever the work-
3 men are under contract to load coal by the bushel, ton or any quantity, the settlement of
4 which is that by weight, the output shall be weighed in accordance with the provisions of
5 this act.