

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO CREATE A STATE OIL GAUGER OR MEASURER FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF RETAIL DEALERS AND CONSUMERS OF PETROLEUM OIL AND ITS PRODUCTS.

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

SECTION 1. That there be and is hereby created, a State Oil Gauger or Measurer of
2 kerosene or petroleum oils and its products.

SEC. 2. That the State Oil Inspector shall be ex-officio State Oil Gauger or Measurer and
2 whose deputies shall also be deputy oil gaugers, whose duty it shall be to gauge or measure
3 all kerosene or petroleum oils in the hands of all manufacturers or wholesale dealers, or
4 jobbers of petroleum oils kept for sale for illuminating purposes, before the same shall be
5 sold and shipped to other dealers or consumers.

SEC. 3. That said oil gauger shall, after so gauging or measuring said oils in the hands or
2 custody or control of said manufacturers, wholesale dealers and jobbers of kerosene and
3 petroleum oils in the barrels or casks in which said oils are to be shipped and sold, shall
4 place upon each barrel or cask his brand or device under his own signature the actual
5 number of gallons contained in said barrels and casks with the date of said measurement
6 thereon.

SEC. 4. Any person so engaged in the sale of kerosene or petroleum oils, who shall sell, or
2 cause to be sold, any barrel or cask of such oils or petroleum without first having caused
3 the same to be gauged or measured by the State Oil Gauger or his deputies, shall be guilty
4 of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, for each and every offense he shall be liable
5 to a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail
6 in which the trial is had for not less than twenty days, or by both such fine and imprison-
7 ment, at the discretion of the justice of the peace or court trying the same.

SEC. 5. The fees allowed as compensation for the labor performed as contemplated in the
2 foregoing act shall be five cents for the gauging or measuring of each barrel or cask; said
3 fee to be paid by the owner of said petroleum or the party calling upon the gauger, and the
4 oil so gauged or measured shall be held liable and subject to a lien until said fees are paid.

SEC. 6. The State Oil Gauger shall be required to procure at his own expense such tools
2 or device for the proper and correct measurement of said oils and shall make and keep a

3 proper entry of the same and shall be required to prosecute all violaters of this act and
4 make a full report of his work and doings to each General Assembly, or oftener, if called
5 upon by the Governor.

SEC. 7. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect on and after its
2 publication in the Des Moines Register and Dubuque Daily Times, papers published at Des
3 Moines, Iowa, and at Dubuque, Iowa.