

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REGULATE THE CARE AND MANAGEMENT OF STATIONARY STEAM ENGINES, BOILERS AND PUMPS.

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

SECTION 1. That from and after the first day of August, A. D. 1886, it shall be unlawful
2 for any person not a registered engineer within the meaning of this act, to take charge of
3 or run any stationary steam engine or boiler or pumps connected therewith.

SEC. 2. That from and after the first day of August, A. D. 1886, it shall be unlawful
2 for the proprietor of any factory, mill or other building, wherein steam engines are used, to
3 employ any person, not a registered engineer within the meaning of this act, to manage or
4 run any steam engine or steam boiler or steam pump. Any person violating the provisions
5 of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be
6 liable to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars for
7 each and every offense.

SEC. 3. That the Governor with the advice of the executive council, shall appoint
2 three persons from among the most competent stationary engineers of the State, all of
3 whom shall have been residents of this State for at least five years, and of at least five years
4 practical experience in the running of steam engines, who shall be known and styled as
5 Commissioners of Engineers for the State of Iowa, one of whom shall hold his office for one
6 year, one for two years, and the other for three years, and each until his successor shall be
7 appointed and qualified; and each year thereafter another Commissioner shall be so
8 appointed for three years and until a successor shall be appointed and qualified. If a
9 vacancy occur in said commission another shall be appointed as aforesaid to fill the unex-
10 pired term thereof. Said Commissioners shall have power to make by-laws and all neces-
11 sary regulations for the proper fulfillment of their duties under this act, without expense to
12 the State.

SEC. 4. The Commissioners of Engineers shall register in a suitable book, the names,
2 places of residence of all persons to whom they issue certificates, and dates thereof.

SEC. 5. That said Commissioners of Engineers shall upon application, and at such time
2 and place and in such manner as they may determine, examine either by a schedule of ques-
3 tions, to be answered and subscribed to under oath, or orally, each and every person who
4 shall desire to manage and run stationary steam engines, boilers or pumps, and if a
5 majority of said Commissioners shall be satisfied that said person is competent and fully

6 qualified to manage and run a steam engine with the boiler and pumps connected there-
7 with, they shall enter the name of such person as a registered engineer in the book pro-
8 vided for in section four of this act, and all persons who have managed and run a steam
9 engine for the term of three years prior to the passage of this act, shall be entitled to have
10 their names registered as engineers by said Commissioners, without examination.

SEC. 6. That the Commissioners of Engineers shall be entitled to demand and receive
2 from each person whom they register and furnish a certificate as a registered engineer with-
3 out examination, the sum of one dollar and fifty cents, and from each and every person
4 whom they examine orally, or whose answers to a schedule of questions are returned sub-
5 scribed to under oath, the sum of five dollars, which shall be in full for all services. And
6 in case the examination of said person shall prove defective and unsatisfactory and his
7 name not be registered he shall be permitted to present himself for re-examination within
8 any period not exceeding twelve months next thereafter, and no charge shall be made
9 for such re-examination.

SEC. 7. Any person who manages or runs any steam engine, steam boiler or pump in
2 violation of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof be
3 liable to a fine of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each
4 and every such offense, and in trials under this section the burden of proof shall rest upon
5 the defendant to prove that he is a registered engineer and his certificate shall be evidence
6 of that fact.