

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PREVENT POOLING, COMBINATIONS, AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN RAILROAD COMPANIES OR CORPORATIONS, THEIR AGENTS OR OFFICERS, AND TO PUNISH VIOLATIONS OF THE SAME.

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

SECTION 1. That it shall be unlawful for any company or corporation owning or operating
2 any railroad in this State, or any officer or agent of such company or corporation, to make
3 or enter into any agreement or arrangement, or to have any understanding with any other
4 company or corporations owning or operating any other railroad in this State, or with any
5 officer or agent of such company or corporation, or with any two or more companies or cor-
6 porations owning or operating railroads in this State, or the officers or agents of any such
7 companies or corporations, to pool the earnings, or any portion of the earnings of any two
8 or more of such railroads for carrying either freight or passengers or both.

SEC. 2. It shall be unlawful for any such company or corporation, mentioned in section 1
2 of this chapter, or any officer or agent of such company or corporation, to make or enter
3 into any agreement or arrangement, or to have any understanding, with any other such
4 company or corporation, or any officer or agent of such company or corporation, or with any
5 two or more such companies or corporations, or with any officers or agents of such com-
6 panies or corporations, whereby the earnings or any portion thereof of any one or more of
7 the railroads so owned or operated in this State by any such company or companies, corpo-
8 ration or corporations, shall be paid to, or divided with, any other such company or com-
9 panies, corporation or corporations, or the officers or agents thereof.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any such company or corporation mentioned in section 1
2 of this chapter, or any officer or agent of such company or corporation, in pursuance to or
3 in accordance with any such agreement, arrangement or understanding, mentioned in
4 either sections 1 or 2 hereof, to pay or give any portion of the earnings of any such railroad
5 owned or operated by such company or corporation to any other such company or corpora-
6 tion, or any officer or agent of such company or corporation.

SEC. 4. It shall be unlawful for any such company or corporation mentioned in section 1
2 hereof, or any officer or agent of such company or corporation, in pursuance to, or in accord-
3 ance with, any such agreement, arrangement or understanding mentioned in either section

4 1 or 2 hereof, to receive from any other company or corporation, or from any officer or agent
5 of such company or corporation, any portion of the earnings of any such railroad owned or
6 operated by any such company or corporation.

SEC. 5. All combinations, agreements, or arrangements, commonly known as pooling,
2 made or entered into by any two or more companies or corporations, owning or operating
3 railroads in this State, or by the officers or agents of such companies or corporations, f or
4 any division in any manner whatever of the earnings, or any portion of the earnings of any
5 such railroad or railroads, among or with such companies or corporations, or their officers or
6 agents, are hereby declared to be unlawful.

SEC. 6. Any company or corporation mentioned in section 1 hereof, or any officer or agent
2 of any such company or corporation violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be
3 guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than
4 \$5,000.00, nor more than \$10,000.00 for each and every violation of this act, and in case the
5 agent or officer of any such company or corporation is convicted under this act, the judg-
6 ment for the fine and costs shall also be a judgment against such company or corporation,
7 and collected as any other judgment.