

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ADOPTION OF SCREENS OF SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION IN COAL MINES AND TO PROHIBIT CHANGING THE SAME UNDER PENALTY EXCEPT ON A PRESCRIBED NOTICE.

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

SECTION 1. That every person and every corporation now or hereafter engaged in the business of operating any coal mine in this State in which the wages of the miners employed therein is based on the amount of screened coal mined by them respectively, shall, if already operating the same, on or before the 4th day of July, 1886, and in case of hereafter commencing to operate the same, before so commencing, elect what kind and description of screen or screens shall be used in operating the same, and shall forthwith prepare and file with the State Mine Inspector a description of every such screen so to be used, stating in such description the length and width of the screening surface, the angle of inclination from the horizontal at which each screen is to be placed and maintained, whether the screen is wire or bar, and if wire, the size of the mesh, and if bar the size, shape and number of the bars, and the distance between them, and shall also forthwith post and continuously thereafter keep posted at the pit-head or tippie of the mine a notice plainly written or printed, and so placed as to be easily seen by the miners, which shall contain an exact copy of the description of screens so required to be filed with the State Mine Inspector.

SEC. 2. After the adoption of any screen or screens as required by section one of this act it shall be unlawful to change the same in any particular contained in the description as by said section one required, or in any other respect that would materially affect [the amount of coal that would pass over the same, until a notice, also plainly written or printed, stating with the same particularity required originally as to description, the changes intended to be made, shall have been posted at the same place and adjoining the notice first herein provided for, and kept so posted for the period of three months before the time fixed for making the change, which time shall be stated in the notice.

SEC. 3. In case of any change of any screen or screens, as contemplated by section 2 hereof, the operator making the same shall forthwith on the making of any such change file a description thereof with the State Mine Inspector, which description shall be as particular and specific as the same is by this act required to be in the notice of intended change, and the notice required by section one hereof shall forthwith be changed so far, and only

6 so far, as is necessary to conform to such change or changes of any such screen or screens,
7 and in case of any subsequent change the same shall be made subject to and in accordance
8 with all the provisions and requirements of this section.

SEC. 4. That any person or corporation that shall violate any provision or requirement of
2 this act with respect either to the adoption or changing of any screen or screens shall be
3 guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not less than
4 fifty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and each day that any such operator shall
5 operate any such mine in violation of any provision or requirement of this act shall be
6 deemed a new offense and punishable in the same manner and to the same extent.