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A BILL FOR

An Act to prohibit the manufacture, sale or possession of any token, slug or false coin or use thereof in the operation of any parking meter, vending machine, coin-box telephone or other lawful receptacle or device, and providing a penalty therefor.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Whoever, by means of any token, slug, false
 2 or counterfeited coin, or by any other means, method, trick
 3 or device whatsoever not lawfully authorized by the owner,
 4 lessee, or licensee of any parking meter, vending machine, coin-
 5 box telephone or other lawful receptacle designed to receive or
 6 be operated by lawful coin of the United States of America in
 7 furtherance of or in connection with the sale, use or enjoyment
 8 of property or service, knowingly shall operate or cause to be
 9 operated, or shall attempt to operate or attempt to cause to be
 10 operated, any parking meter, vending machine, coin-box telephone,
 11 or other lawful receptacle designed to receive or be operated
 12 by lawful coin of the United States of America, or whoever shall
 13 take, obtain, use or receive, from or by means of any such
 14 meter, machine, coin box or receptacle, any article of value
 15 or service, or the use or enjoyment of any facility or service,

16 without depositing in, delivering to and payment into such meter,
17 machine, coin box or receptacle the amount of lawful coin of the
18 United States of America required therefor by the owner, lessee
19 or licensee of such meter, machine, coin box or receptacle shall
20 be fined not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or
21 imprisoned not more than sixty (60) days, or both.

1 Sec. 2. Whoever, with intent to cheat or defraud the
2 owner, lessee, licensee or other person entitled to the
3 contents of any parking meter, vending machine, coin-box
4 telephone or other lawful receptacle designed to receive or
5 be operated by lawful coin of the United States of America in
6 furtherance of or in connection with the sale, use or enjoy-
7 ment of property or service or other facilities, or whoever,
8 knowingly or having cause to believe that the same is intended
9 for fraudulent or unlawful use on the part of the purchaser,
10 donee or user thereof, shall sell, offer for sale, advertise
11 for sale, possess or give away any token, slug, false or counter-
12 feited coin or any device or substance whatsoever which, when
13 placed, deposited or used in any such meter, machine, coin box
14 or receptacle, will cause the same to operate or function,
15 shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or
16 imprisoned not more than six (6) months, or both.

17 The sale, offer for sale, advertisement for sale, posses-
18 sion or giving away of any token, slug, false or counterfeited
19 coin or any device or substance whatsoever which, when placed,
20 deposited or used in any parking meter, vending machine, coin-

21 box telephone or other lawful receptacle designed to receive or
22 be operated by lawful coin of the United States of America, will
23 cause the same to operate or function, shall be prima facie
24 evidence, within the meaning of this section, of an intent to
25 cheat or defraud or of knowing or having cause to believe that
26 any such token, slug, false or counterfeited coin, device or
27 substance whatsoever is intended for fraudulent or unlawful use.

1 Sec. 3. The manufacture, sale, offering for sale,
2 advertising for sale or distribution, of a token, disc, blank,
3 washer, check, slug, false coin or other device, whether
4 solid or perforated, with knowledge or reason to believe
5 that such token, disc, blank, washer, check, slug, false coin
6 or other device may be used in substitution for any lawful coin
7 of the United States of America in any parking meter, vending
8 machine, coin-box telephone or other lawful receptacle designed
9 to receive or be operated by lawful coin of the United States of
10 America in connection with the sale, use or enjoyment of prop-
11 erty, privilege or service, is hereby prohibited.

12 In the trial of a defendant for violation of the provisions
13 of this section, knowledge or reason to believe, within the
14 meaning of this section, shall be deemed to exist upon the
15 presentation of proof that any prosecuting attorney,
16 sheriff, deputy sheriff, mayor, police prosecutor, chief of
17 police, marshal or constable, or deputy or delegate of any
18 such official, has given written notice to the defendant that
19 tokens, discs, blanks, washers, checks, slugs, false coins or

20 other devices, whether solid or perforated, of the kind manu-
21 factured, sold, offered for sale, advertised for sale or distrib-
22 uted by the defendant are being used in substitution for lawful
23 coin of the United States of America in the operation of any
24 such parking meter, vending machine, coin-box telephone or
25 other lawful receptacle; provided that such notice shall have
26 been given prior to the time of the manufacture, sale, offering
27 for sale, advertising for sale or distribution of such tokens,
28 discs, blanks, washers, checks, slugs, false coins or other
29 devices for which the defendant has been tried.

30 Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than
31 five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned not more than
32 six (6) months, or both.

1 Sec. 4. The provisions of this Act shall in no manner
2 limit or restrict the manufacture, sale, offering for sale or
3 advertising for sale, or prohibit the possessing, distrib-
4 uting or giving away of proper tokens for use in operation
5 of the facilities or equipment of any electric street rail-
6 way, urban motor bus company, interurban motor bus company or
7 motor transportation company operating in the State of Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 419

At present there is no law providing a criminal penalty for using slugs to obtain legitimate goods and services from vending machines and telephone pay boxes. It seems only fair that these enterprises be given some protection and recourse in case of violations.