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**Senate File 161**  
By LORD (Hendrix).

Passed Senate, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Passed House, Date .....  
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....  
Approved .....

## A BILL FOR

An Act authorizing a patent to issue to the Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section sixteen (16), Township seventy-eight (78) North, Range two (2), West of the 5th P.M., Muscatine County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, it appears that on March 3, 1845, the United States of America granted to the State of Iowa the following described land, to wit: The Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section sixteen (16), Township seventy-eight (78) North, Range two (2), West of the 5th P.M., Muscatine County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, it further appears that the School fund sold the foregoing described premises to Charles Henderson on the first day of October, 1849, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the above described property or portions thereof have since that time been sold and resold through a chain of title since the aforementioned sale to Charles Henderson, and

WHEREAS, it appears that no certificate of purchase or patent for said land has ever been issued to the said Charles Henderson or to any other person, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the State of Iowa claims no ownership in the foregoing described land although the apparent legal title thereto still remains in the State of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the present owner and owners of the above described premises or portions thereof now in possession of said land together with the several previous grantors and grantees, has been in open, actual, notorious and adverse possession of said land and the parts thereof for more than seventy-five (75) years last past; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

1 Section 1. That the governor and the secretary of state of  
2 the state of Iowa are hereby authorized, empowered and directed  
3 to issue a patent to Charles Henderson, conveying the Southeast  
4 quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section sixteen  
5 (16), Township seventy-eight (78) North, Range two (2), West of  
6 the 5th P. M., Muscatine County, Iowa, for the use and benefit  
7 of the successive owners of said land.

1 Sec. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance  
2 shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication  
3 in the Muscatine Journal, a newspaper published at Muscatine,  
4 Iowa, and in the West Liberty Index, a newspaper published at  
5 West Liberty, Iowa, said publication to be without expense to  
6 the state.