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Railroads.

**House File 141**  
By RILEY.

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## A BILL FOR

An Act to provide for a public hearing before the state regulatory body for the authority of any railroad company operating within the boundaries of Iowa to abandon, move or change any terminal or shop.

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

1 Section 1. Railroad shops or terminals may not be abandoned  
2 except with the consent of the Iowa state commerce commission.  
3 No company operating any line of railway in the state of Iowa  
4 shall abandon any shop or terminal or the location thereof,  
5 except as provided in this act.

1 Sec. 2. The word "shop" or "terminal" is defined as a place  
2 in which during the last three years an average of twelve or  
3 more men have been or are employed, engaged in the repairing  
4 of or caring for railroad equipment or are engaged in any  
5 phase of railroad, train or engine service and which is located  
6 in a city or village in which such men have established a legal  
7 residence.

1 Sec. 3. Any such company desiring to abandon any shop or  
2 terminal, or move any shop, or change the location of any terminal  
3 in this state shall first make application to the Iowa state  
4 commerce commission in writing. Before passing upon such  
5 application, the Iowa state commerce commission shall order a  
6 public hearing and fix a time and place thereof to be given in  
7 a manner as the commission shall deem reasonable.

1     Sec. 4. In the hearing on the abandonment or removal of a  
2 shop or terminal if it shall be made to appear to such commission  
3 that the abandonment of any shop or terminal shall not substantially  
4 injure the public or be detrimental to the public welfare, such  
5 consent may be granted, otherwise, the same shall be denied.

1     Sec. 5. Any company violating any provisions of this Act  
2 shall forfeit to the state not less than two hundred dollars  
3 (\$200.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for  
4 each day such violation continues.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 141

This bill provides that application be made to the Iowa state commerce commission in writing and approval given before a railroad in this state can abandon shops or terminals, and further provides for a public hearing thereon.