

Subd. 2. Voluntary retirement. After a probate judge has attained the age of 70 years or more and has served as such judge continuously for 40 years or more, he may voluntarily retire at the end of his term of office, even though he is not physically or mentally incapacitated from performing the duties of his office, and after he has so retired he shall receive one-half of the compensation allotted to his office at the time of such retirement for the remainder of his life, to be paid at the time and in the manner provided by law for the payment of salaries of probate judges.

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CHAPTER 184—H. F. No. 630

[Coded as Sections 32.281 to 32.285]

An act relating to the preparation, aging, labeling, distribution and sale of cheese.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

[32.281] Section 1. **Cheese defined.** The term "cheese" as used in this act shall include all varieties of cheese, cheese spreads, cheese foods, cheese compounds, or processed cheese, made or manufactured in whole or in part from cow's, goat's, or sheep's milk.

[32.282] Sec. 2. **Mandatory process provisions.** No person, firm, or corporation shall manufacture, transport, sell, offer, or expose for sale or have in possession with intent to sell, at retail to a consumer any cheese which has not been (a) manufactured from milk or milk products which have been pasteurized in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 32.391 and 32.392, or (b) subjected to a heat treatment equivalent to pasteurization during the process of manufacture or processing, or (c) subjected to an aging process whereby it has been kept for at least 60 days after manufacture at a temperature not lower than 35 degrees Fahrenheit; provided, however, the aging process under provisions of this act, required for limburger and limburger brick cheese, shall be a minimum of 25 days.

[32.283] Sec. 3. **Statement by manufacturer.** Each cheese or packaged cheese sold, offered, or exposed for sale or held in possession with intent to sell at either retail or

wholesale, within this state, shall have affixed thereto by the manufacturer a statement clearly setting forth:

(a) The factory number where manufactured, or in states where official factory numbers are not assigned, the name of the manufacturer and address of the plant where manufactured; provided, however, that in case of process cheese, cheese spreads, cheese foods and cheese compounds, the name and address of the jobber or distributor may be substituted for the name of the manufacturer and address of the plant where manufactured;

(b) The name of the variety or the distinctive name of the product and the word "Pasteurized" if made from pasteurized milk;

(c) The name of the variety or the distinctive name of the product and the date of manufacture if made from unpasteurized milk;

(d) The name of the variety or the distinctive name of the product and the word "Pasteurized" if made from milk which is pasteurized in the curd form during the making process.

When a cheese is repackaged or divided into wholesale cuts, the distributor shall affix to each package or cut a label containing the information required in (b) or (c) of this section, which appears on the original cheese, together with the name and address of the distributor. When selling cheese to the consumer, that portion to which the label is affixed shall be sold last.

[32.284] Sec. 4. **Enforcement.** The commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food shall be charged with the enforcement of this act and shall have authority to promulgate all such rules and regulations as are necessary to the enforcement thereof. In so doing he shall have all the power and authority granted him under Laws 1921, Chapter 495, as amended.

[32.285] Sec. 5. **Violations; penalties.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 6. **Effective date.** This act shall become effective from and after July 1, 1947.

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