

marked with United States AA, A, and B grades, shall indicate the grade in a manner equivalent to the requirements for butter manufactured and sold within this state.

Subd. 6. Any advertisement of butter offered for sale at retail to the public at a given price shall plainly and conspicuously indicate the grade of such butter.

Subd. 7. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine not exceeding \$100, or by imprisonment not exceeding three months.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1955.

Approved March 23, 1955.

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#### CHAPTER 220—H. F. No. 398

*An act authorizing a jury in any civil action or proceeding in a court of record, after six hours deliberation, to render a verdict; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 546.17.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 546.17, is amended to read:

546.17 **Verdict by five-sixths of jury.** In any civil action or proceeding in any court of record the jury therein may return a verdict, after six hours of deliberation, upon an agreement by five-sixths of its number. The jury's deliberation commences when the officer in charge of the jury is sworn. The clerk records that time.

Approved March 23, 1955.

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#### CHAPTER 221—S. F. No. 623

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to the sale of seeds; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 21.47 and Section 21.49, Subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 21.47, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

[Subd. 19.] **Certified seed.** *The term "Certified Seed" shall mean certified, registered, foundation, or any other term conveying a similar meaning when referring to seed that has been produced, processed and labeled in accordance with the procedures and in compliance with the rules and regulations of an official or officially recognized seed certification agency.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 21.49, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**21.49 Unlawful acts.** Subdivision 1. **Agricultural seed, sale.** It is unlawful for any person to sell agricultural seed within this state if

(a) The test to determine the percentage of germination required by Section 21.48 shall not have been completed within a nine-month period, immediately prior to such sale, exclusive of the calendar month in which the test was completed;

(b) It is not labeled in accordance with the provisions of sections 21.47 to 21.58, or contains a false or misleading label;

(c) False or misleading advertisement has been used in respect to its sale;

(d) It contains prohibited noxious-weed seeds;

(e) It contains restricted noxious-weed seeds in excess of two seeds per ounce, or 25 seeds per pound in those agricultural seeds as set out in Section 21.48, clause (5);—

(f) It contains more than one percent by weight of all weed seeds;

(g) *It is represented to be certified seed unless it has been produced, processed and labeled in compliance with the rules and regulations of an official or officially recognized seed certification agency.*

Sec. 3. [21.502] **Seed certification agency, Minnesota.** *The official seed certification agency for Minnesota shall be determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Dairy and Food and the Director of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station.*

Sec. 4. [21.503] **Other seed certification agencies.** *The official seed certification agency of other jurisdictions shall be determined, and the identity thereof filed as a public record in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Dairy and Food. Such determination shall be made by a board com-*

*posed of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Dairy and Food, the President of the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association, and the Director of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station.*

Approved March 25, 1955.

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CHAPTER 222—H. F. No. 506

*An act relating to cooperative associations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 308.05, 308.06, 308.062, Subdivision 1, 308.07, 308.09, Subdivision 1, 308.12, 308.14, 308.15, and Section 80.06.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 308.05, is amended to read:

**308.05 Formation.** *Subdivision 1.* A cooperative association may be formed for the purpose of conducting any agricultural, dairy, marketing, transportation, warehousing, commission, contracting, building, mining, telephone, manufacturing, or any mechanical, mercantile or electrical heat, light or power business, or for all such purposes or for any other lawful purpose, upon the cooperative plan; and, in addition to other powers, such cooperative association shall have the power, either as agent or otherwise, to buy, sell, or deal in its own products, the products of its individual members or patrons, the products of any other cooperative association or of its members or patrons. It shall be lawful for such cooperative association to sell its own products, as well as the products of its members or patrons for them, or the products of any other cooperative association or of its members or patrons for them, as the case may be, either individually or collectively, and to negotiate the price at which such products may be sold either for itself or for its members or patrons, or such other cooperative association and its members or patrons, individually or collectively, as the case may be; also to enter into or become a party to any contract or agreement either for itself or for its individual members or patrons, or between it and its member. For the purposes above stated such cooperative association shall have the power and authority as a corporation, to purchase and hold, lease, mortgage, encumber, sell, exchange, and convey such real estate, buildings, and personal property as the business of the association may require, also to erect buildings or other structures or facilities upon its own lands or leased grounds, or upon right of way legally