

ments and dues collected from its members. Payments of death benefits shall be made only to the families, heirs, blood relatives, adopted children, fiancee of the member, or persons dependent upon him, or whenever his certificate of membership may so provide, the executor or administrator of the estate of the member in trust for such person or persons above mentioned as may be designated in such certificate. Any member who by reason of old age or other disability is dependent for his support in whole or in part upon another, whether such other stands in the above relationship to him or not, may, with the consent of and under such regulations as the association may prescribe, designate such person upon whom he is so dependent as a beneficiary under his said certificate, and in such case the death benefits shall be paid according to such designation. Every such association may create and maintain a reserve fund for such purpose and shall be held to be an institution of public charity, and shall be exempt from payment of any taxes for state, county or municipal purposes, except that the real estate of such association shall be taxed as other real estate in the State of Minnesota.

Approved April 24, 1907.

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#### CHAPTER 383—H. F. NO. 432.

*An Act entitled, An act to prevent fraud and deception in the manufacture and sale of concentrated commercial feeding stuffs.*

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

**Terms defined.**—Section 1. The term "concentrated commercial feeding stuffs," as used in this act, shall include linseed meals, cottonseed meals, pea-meals, cocoanut meals, gluten meal, oil meals of all kinds, gluten feeds, maize feeds, starch feeds, sugar feeds, sucrene, hominy feeds, ceraline corn and oat feeds, ground beef or fish scraps, mixed feeds of all kinds, also all condimental stock foods, patented and proprietary stock foods claimed to possess nutritive as well as medicinal properties, and all other materials intended for feeding to domestic animals; but shall not include hays and straws, the whole seeds nor the unmixed meals made directly from the entire grains of wheat, rye, barley, oats, Indian corn, buckwheat, dried brewers grains, wet brewers' grains,

malt sprouts, sorghum and broom corn. Neither shall it include wheat, rye and buckwheat brans or middlings not mixed with other substances, but sold separately, as distinct articles of commerce, nor pure grains ground together.

**Label.**—Sec. 2. Every manufacturer, individual, association, co-partnership, corporation, agent or employe (all hereinafter included in the term "person"), who shall sell, offer or expose for sale or distribution in this state any concentrated commercial feeding stuff, used for feeding live stock, shall furnish with each car or other amount shipped in bulk, and shall affix to every package or receptacle containing such feeding stuff, in a conspicuous place on the outside thereof, a distinct and plainly printed label clearly and truly certifying the net weight in pounds of feeding stuff in such car or receptacle, the name or trademark under which the article is sold, the name of the manufacturer, jobber or shipper, the place of manufacture or address of jobber or shipper, and also the percentage it contains of crude fat and crude protein, allowing one per centum of nitrogen to equal six and one-fourth per centum of protein, both constituents to be determined by the methods prescribed by the association of official agricultural chemists of the United States; and whenever any feeding stuff is sold at retail in bulk or in packages belonging to the purchaser, the agent or dealer, upon request of the purchaser, shall furnish to the purchaser a certified copy of the statement contained upon the label aforesaid.

**Penalty.**—Sec. 3. Any person who shall sell, offer or expose for sale or distribution in this state any concentrated feeding stuffs without complying with the requirements of this act, or any feeding stuffs which contains substantially a small percentage of constituents than are certified to be contained in such feeding stuffs shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisonment not less than ten days nor more than ninety days.

**Inspection.**—Sec. 4. The state dairy and food commissioner shall enforce the provisions of this act, and for the purpose of obtaining information regarding suspected violations of this act they shall have access to all cars and other carriages used for the transportation of any commercial concentrated feeding stuffs, the manufacture and sale of which is restricted, regulated and prohibited hereby, and to all places

where any of such commodities is or may be manufactured, prepared, stored, kept for sale or sold; and may inspect any package or receptacle which they may have good reason to believe containing any such commodity and may take samples therefrom for analysis, and any person wilfully obstructing or hindering such entry or inspection or failing, upon request, to assist therein, where such assistance is actually needed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Misbranding.**—Sec. 6. Any concentrated commercial feeding stuffs within the meaning of this act which is not labeled as hereinbefore required shall be deemed a misbranded article and the having in possession in any store, warehouse or factory ready for market, such misbranded articles shall be deemed prima facie evidence that the same is intended for sale or distribution, and in violation of this act, and in any prosecution under this act, a certificate of the official chemist of the dairy and food department of the State of Minnesota having made the analysis, when sworn to by such chemist, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated.

**Fines.**—Sec. 7. In all prosecutions under this act the fines and costs collected thereunder shall be paid into the state treasury, but shall be credited to the fund set apart for the use and support of the department of the dairy and food commissioner of this state.

Sec. 8. But all goods now in the hands of retailers may be sold until November 1st, 1907.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be enforced from and after June 1st, 1907.

Approved April 24, 1907.

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#### CHAPTER 384—H. F. NO. 436.

*An Act entitled An act to prevent the sale of unwholesome substances for use as food.*

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

**Seizure.**—Section 1. No person shall deal in or sell for use as food any filthy, decomposed, diseased or otherwise unwholesome food or dairy products, either in a natural state