

## CHAPTER 358—H. F. No. 861

*An act relating to manufacture, sale, and disinfection of bed mattresses and other bedding materials, and providing for inspection thereof, with penalties for the violation of the provisions of said act and repealing Chapter 490, General Laws 1913.*

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

**Section 1. Definitions.**—That the term “bedding” as used in this act shall be construed to mean any mattress, upholstered spring, comforter, pad, cushion or pillow designed and made for use in sleeping or reclining purposes. The word “person” as used in this act shall be construed to impart the plural and the singular, as the case demands, and shall include, individuals, corporations, partnerships, joint-stock companies, or other business associations who are manufacturers or dealers in bedding. The word “new” as used in this act, shall mean any material or article that has not previously been used in the manufacture of bedding articles, or for any other purpose. The term “second hand” shall mean any material or article that has been previously used in the manufacture of bedding or for any other purpose. The word “shoddy” shall mean any material that has been spun into yarn, knit or woven into fabric, and subsequently cut up, torn up, broken up or ground up.

**Sec. 2. May not use second-hand material in certain cases.**—No person shall use in the making or remaking of any article of bedding as herein defined any material that has been used in any private or public hospital, or any material of any kind that has been used by or about any person having an infectious or contagious disease, or has formed a part of any article of bedding which has so been used. This section shall not prevent the renovating of bedding used in any private or public hospital.

**Sec. 3. Sale of bedding, etc., forbidden.**—No person shall sell, offer for sale, consign for sale, or have in his possession with intent to sell, or consign for sale, any bedding used in a private or public hospital or any article of bedding that has been used by or about any person having an infectious or contagious disease.

**Sec. 4. Material must be renovated.**—No person shall remake or renovate any article of bedding unless all the material to be used in said remade or renovated bedding shall first be thoroughly sterilized and disinfected by the methods set out herein, or by any other approved sterilization method:

(a) Dry heat of a temperature of not less than 160° centigrade temperature for not less than one hour. A thermometer for registering the temperature visible from the outside of the room shall be provided where dry heat is used.

(b) Live steam, with subsequent drying of the material over steam coils with a pressure of not less than 20 pounds of steam for 20 minutes. A gauge for registering steam pressure visible from the outside of the room shall be provided where steam under pressure is used and valved outlets shall be provided near the bottom and also the top of the room in cases where streaming steam is used.

(c) Formaldehyde and sulphur concurrently in a moist atmosphere for a period of not less than 10 hours. Formaldehyde gas shall be generated from the use of one pint of formaldehyde solution, 37% to each 1,000 cubic feet of air space, or through the use of any of the high class commercial fumigators which generate an equivalent quantity of gas. Sulphur shall be from the burning of three pounds of sulphur for each 1,000 cubic feet of air space. The moist atmosphere shall be produced by thorough sprinkling of the floor of the room with warm water just prior to the process of disinfection. The room shall be provided with a separate air inlet and also an exhaust connection, and shall be equipped with tight dampers or closure gates which can be operated from the outside of the room. Rooms for disinfection of bedding materials shall be made gas or steam tight. Shelving for loose bedding materials shall be of lattice or other open construction.

Solid shelves of a type to prevent passage of gas through the materials shall not be permitted.

**Sec. 5. Devices must be approved.**—All devices and equipment before being used as a process for sterilization and disinfection, shall be approved by the Industrial Commission of Minnesota, upon written application of the person desiring to use the same, and when so approved, a numbered permit for such use shall be issued to the applicant by the Industrial Commission of Minnesota. Such permit shall expire one year from date thereof. Such system of sterilization and disinfection shall be kept in good condition and repair. Every person to whom a permit has been issued shall keep such permit conspicuously posted under glass near such sterilization or disinfection chamber. Refusal to display such permit in accordance with this act shall be sufficient reason to revoke the same. Nothing in this act shall prevent any person engaged in the making or re-making, renovating or sale of any article herein described which requires sterilizing and disinfecting under the provisions hereof, from having such sterilizing and disinfecting performed by any person to

whom a permit for such purposes has been issued, providing the number of the permit, with date of sterilization shall be printed on the tag or label attached to the article, and a copy of such kept by person doing such sterilization for reference.

**Sec. 6. Subject to inspection.**—All places where bedding is made, remade, or renovated, or where materials for bedding are prepared, or establishment where said articles are offered for sale, or are in possession of any person with intent to sell, deliver, lease, or to consign them to an establishment where sterilizing and disinfecting is performed, shall be subject to inspection by duly appointed inspector for the Industrial Commission of Minnesota to ascertain whether the materials used or sold or the finished article enumerated, conform to the requirements of this act. Inspector shall have authority to open such bedding to examine the material used in filling.

**Sec. 7. Sales forbidden—Exceptions.**—No person shall sell, lease, offer to sell or lease, or deliver or consign for sale or lease, or have in his possession with intent to sell, lease, deliver or consign for sale or lease, any bedding made, remade, or renovated in violation of this act; or any second-hand bedding unless since last used it has been thoroughly sterilized and disinfected by an approved method of sterilization.

**Sec. 8. Sales forbidden—Exceptions.**—No person, firm or corporation, by himself or his agents, servants or employees, shall make or sell, or offer to sell, deliver or consign for sale, or have in his or their possession with intent to sell, deliver or consign for sale any bedding made of material that has theretobefore been used as a container for or in contact with any animal or vegetable matter or any material hereinbefore designated as shoddy, unless the bedding shall be labeled as such, or any material that has theretofore been used unless the same shall have been cleaned and sterilized.

**Sec. 9. Must be labeled.**—No person shall make or remake, or sell, offer for sale, consign for sale, or have in his possession with intent to sell, offer for sale, or consign for sale any article of bedding as herein defined unless the same is labeled as follows:

Upon each of such articles of bedding there shall be securely sewed upon the outside thereof a muslin or linen label not less than three by four and one-half inches in size, upon which shall be in plain print, in the English language, a description of the material used as filling of such article of bedding; and if such material or any portion thereof shall not have been previously used, the words "manufactured of new material" shall appear upon said label, together with the name

and address of the maker or vendor thereof. If any of the material used in the making or remaking of such article of bedding shall have been previously used, the words "manufactured of second hand material" or "remade of second hand material" as the case may be, shall appear upon said label, together with the name and address of the maker or vendor thereof, and also a description of the material used in the filling of such article of bedding. On any article of bedding, not remade, but which has been previously used, the words "second hand materials used in filling not known" shall appear upon said label, together with the name and address of the vendor thereof. The statement required under this section shall be in form as follows:

#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Materials used in filling.....

Made by.....

Vendor.....

Address.....

This article is made in compliance with an act of the State of Minnesota approved the.....day of.....1929.

The statement of compliance required in the foregoing "official statement" shall not be construed to imply that it is prohibited to state also that the article of bedding is made in compliance with act or acts of other states.

The words "manufactured of new material" or "manufactured of second hand material" or any article of bedding not remade, "second-hand materials used in filling not known" together with the description of the material used as filling of an article of bedding shall be in letters not less than one-eight ( $1/8$ ) of an inch in height. Statement of filling shall conform to rules regulating the manufacture and sale of bedding as approved by the Industrial Commission of Minnesota. No term of description likely to mislead shall be used on any label required by this regulation, in the description of the material used in the filling of any article of bedding. The label shall be attached to each mattress, pad, or upholstered spring by sewing all four edges of label.

Any person who shall remove, deface, alter or shall cause to be removed, defaced or altered any label or tag upon any article of bedding so labeled or tagged under the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a violation thereof.

Sec. 10. **Feathers to be renovated.**—Feathers used in making, remaking, or renovating, new or second hand bedding shall be thoroughly cured, sterilized, or disinfected.

Sec. 11. **Violation a misdemeanor.**—Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00, nor less than \$25.00, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, nor less than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment for each offense.

Sec. 12. **Law repealed.**—Chapter 490, General Laws 1913, and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith hereby are repealed.

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#### CHAPTER 359—H. F. No. 975

*An act to amend Section 14, Chapter 133, General Laws 1921, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 419, General Laws 1923, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 398, General Laws 1925, fixing and regulating the salaries, compensations, duties and help of certain county officials in counties having or which may hereafter have a population of 380,000 inhabitants or over.*

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

**Section 1. Salaries of employees in office of the clerk of the district court in Hennepin County.**—That Section 14, Chapter 133, General Laws 1921, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 419, General Laws 1923, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 398, General Laws 1925, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 14. The Clerk of the District Court shall appoint and employ one Chief Deputy who shall be paid the sum of Thirty-six hundred (\$3,600.00) dollars per annum; one head counter deputy who shall be paid the sum of twenty-two hundred and five (\$2,205.00) dollars per annum; one assignment deputy who shall be paid the sum of \$2,700.00 per annum; two deputy clerks who shall each be paid the sum of eighteen hundred and seventy (\$1,870.00) dollars per annum;