

state inheritance tax is claimed or is owing is hereby declared to be exempt from the payment of such tax.

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## CHAPTER 125.

[ H. B. 218. ]

### MATTRESSES.

AN ACT relating to public health and sanitation, defining mattresses, regulating the making, remaking and sale thereof, prohibiting the use of insanitary or unhealthy materials therein, providing for the proper labeling thereof, and for penalties for the violation thereof.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. The term "mattress" as used herein shall be construed to mean any quilted pad, comforter, mattress, mattress pad, hammock pad, bunk quilt, settees, couches, day beds, davenportes and overstuffed chairs, cushion or pillow stuffed or filled with wool, hair, cotton, cotton lintens, kapok, feathers or other soft material capable of use for sleeping or reclining purposes.

Term defined.

SEC. 2. No person, firm or corporation, by himself or by his agents, servants or employees shall employ and/or use in the making, remaking and/or renovating of any mattress any material of any kind that has been used in or has formed a part of any mattress used in or about any public or private hospital or institution for the treatment of persons suffering from disease or for or about any person having any infectious or contagious disease; or any material known as "shoddy", or material made in whole or in part from old or worn clothing, carpets and/or other fabrics or material previously used; or

Use of material prohibited.

Hospitals.

Shoddy material.

any other fabric or material from which shoddy is constructed, or any other material not herein specifically mentioned of which prior use has been made, unless any and all of said materials have been thoroughly sterilized and disinfected by a process approved by the state director of health.

Sale of remade mattress.

SEC. 3. No person, firm or corporation shall sell, offer for sale, deliver, rent, consign and/or have in his possession for the purpose of sale, delivery, and/or consignment any mattress made, remade and/or renovated in violation of the above provision.

Tag or label required.

SEC. 4. No person, firm or corporation shall sell or offer for sale either at wholesale or retail, or otherwise, repair or renovate, deliver, rent or consign or have in his possession with intent to sell, repair, renovate, deliver, rent or consign any mattress that does not bear thereon, plainly and indelibly stamped upon a muslin or linen tag, or label not smaller than three (3) inches square, securely sewed to the covering thereof, a statement as hereinafter provided.

Statement on tag.

SEC. 5. The statement required under the foregoing section shall be in words and form as follows:

MATERIALS USED IN FILLING.

Percentage of kinds of materials.....  
Gross weight of materials, including covering.....pounds  
Vendor .....  
Address .....  
This article is made in conformance with the requirements of Chapter ....., Laws of Washington, 19.....

Terms, "felt," "felted," "felted cotton," "felted linters."

SEC. 6. Whenever the term "felt" is used in any statement, said materials shall be in layers as processed by felting machines and it shall be indicated whether said felt is "felted cotton" or "felted linters".

"Floss."

SEC. 7. It shall be unlawful to use in any statement concerning any mattress the word "floss", or

words of like import, if there has been used in filling said mattress any materials which are not termed as "Kapok." "kapok".

SEC. 8. It shall be unlawful to use in the description hereinbefore provided for, any misleading term or designation or term or designation likely to mislead.

Misleading statement.

SEC. 9. In the case of mattresses made from material and/or materials known as "second-hand materials" or "shoddy material" the form of statement provided for in section 5 hereof shall contain a heading, in type not smaller than twenty-four (24) point condensed Gothic type the words "SECOND HAND MATERIAL."

"Second-hand materials."

SEC. 10. The state director of health shall have authority to prescribe, establish and enforce such rules and standards of grading, mixing and inspecting materials used in mattresses as will, in his judgment promote public health and sanitation.

Rules for grading materials.

SEC. 11. The removal, alteration or defacement of any tag or label herein provided for shall constitute a gross misdemeanor.

Removal of tag.

SEC. 12. Any mattress of which prior use has been made shall not be offered for sale unless it has been sterilized by a process approved by the director of health, who is hereby empowered to make regulations covering the processes or method used in sterilization. Filthy or soiled mattresses shall not be considered sterilized unless the fabric covering such mattresses be replaced by clean and new covering and then subjected to sterilization. Such mattresses shall bear a label similar to that provided for in section 5 hereof with the added words "STERILIZED MATERIAL".

Prior use, sterilized.

SEC. 13. The state director of health shall have the right to condemn and seize and destroy any mat-

Condemn, destroy.

tress which is found to be in violation of any of the provisions of this act or of any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto.

Tags,  
furnished.

Price.

SEC. 14. The state director of health is hereby authorized to contract for the printing of the tags or labels required by the provisions of this act, and shall, upon application to him by any maker, remaker, renovator, or vendor, of any article covered by this act, furnish tags or labels in quantities of not less than 1,000 tags or labels, for which the applicant shall pay \$15.00 for each 1,000 of the same, except tags or labels to be used upon comforters, bunk quilts, cushions, and pillows, and upon which shall be printed in addition, "for use upon comforters, bunk quilts, cushions and pillows", shall be furnished in quantities of not less than 1,000 tags or labels, for which the applicant shall pay \$7.50 for each 1,000 of the same. The moneys so collected shall be paid over promptly to the state treasurer.

Separate  
offenses.

SEC. 15. The unit for a separate and distinct offense in violation of this act shall be each and every mattress made, remade, renovated, sold, offered for sale, delivered, consigned, rented, or possessed with intent to sell, deliver, consign or rent, contrary to the provisions hereof.

Penalty.

SEC. 16. Any person or corporation violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Enforcement  
of act.

SEC. 17. The enforcement of the provisions of this act shall be under the supervision of the state director of health. Such officer and such persons as he may designate shall have access to any premises or any records held by any person containing any information pertaining to the article or material in question.

Invalid in  
part, not to  
affect  
balance.

SEC. 18. If any section of this act shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such

adjudication shall not affect the validity of the act as a whole, or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

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## CHAPTER 126.

[ H. B. 194. ]

### CONSOLIDATION OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES.

AN ACT relating to the consolidation of banks, trust companies and national banking associations; declaring the procedure therefor; defining certain terms; defining the duties of certain officers in connection therewith; providing for the transfer and vesting of property rights in the consolidated bank; providing for and regulating the succession of the consolidated bank to all offices or appointments of the banks consolidating with it as executor, administrator, trustee or other fiduciary; providing for the liquidation of shares of stockholders dissenting.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. For the purposes of this act:

Definitions.

The term "bank" shall mean a bank or a bank and trust company organized under the laws of the State of Washington.

Bank.

The term "trust company" shall mean a trust company authorized under the laws of the State of Washington.

Trust company.

The term "association" shall mean a national banking association organized under the laws of the United States of America.

Association.

The term "consolidated bank" shall mean the bank, trust company or association under whose charter the consolidation is effected.

Consolidated bank.

The term "supervisor of banking" shall mean the supervisor of banking of the State of Washington.

Supervisor of banking.