

CHAPTER 445—H. F. No. 1154.

An act authorizing commissioned officers in the armed services of the United States to take acknowledgments and administer oaths while outside the United States and legalizing acknowledgments heretofore taken and oaths heretofore administered.

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

Section 1. Commissioned officers to take acknowledgments.—Commissioned officers in the armed services of the United States, while outside continental United States, are hereby authorized to administer oaths required or authorized by law and to certify acknowledgments of deeds and other instruments required or authorized by the laws of this state. No seal, reference to a seal, nor any other authentication of any act of any such officer authorized under this act shall be required. A statement of the rank and branch of the service by the officer taking such acknowledgment or administering the oath attached to the instrument or affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the truth thereof and of such officer's authority under this act.

Sec. 2. Acknowledgments legalized and validated.—All acknowledgments heretofore taken and all oaths heretofore administered since December 7, 1941, by any commissioned officer who is authorized to administer oaths and to take or certify acknowledgments under the provisions of this act are hereby legalized and validated.

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CHAPTER 446—H. F. No. 1169.

An act relating to the sale of horse meat.

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

Section 1. Sale of horse meat—licenses—places of sale to be plainly marked.—It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer or expose for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell, horse meat for human consumption;

(a) Without first having obtained a license granted by the commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food, who shall provide a suitable form of blank application for the use of the applicant. The fee for such license shall be \$10.00 and the license shall expire

June 30, next after its issue, and no license shall be issued for a longer term than one year and shall not be transferable from one person to another person, or from the ownership to whom issued to another ownership. A separate license shall be procured for each place from which sale is made and shall be posted at all times in such place;

(b) Unless a sign is posted in a conspicuous place both inside and outside the store or building in which said meat is sold or offered or exposed for sale, reading "horse meat sold here";

(c) Unless the counter or container in which the same is offered or exposed for sale is plainly and conspicuously marked with the words "horse meat" and no other meat of any other kind shall be placed in the same container with horse meat; if horse meat is placed in the same counter with other cuts of meat each cut shall be plainly labeled "horse meat".

(d) Unless all packages, boxes or containers in which horse meat is delivered to the purchaser shall be plainly and conspicuously marked with the words "horse meat".

Sec. 2. Sales in restaurants and boarding houses.—It shall be unlawful for any restaurant, boarding house or other place where food is served to the public to prepare or serve horse meat to any customer or patron unless a sign is posted in a conspicuous place, both inside and outside the building or restaurant in which such meat is prepared and sold reading "horse meat served here", and unless the same words are printed or typed on all menus used therein; but said place preparing and serving horse meat shall not be required to procure the license provided by Section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. Mixed meat.—In the event that horse meat is mixed with any other kind of meat, the mixture shall be considered as horse meat and its sale, preparation or serving shall be subject to all of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. Commissioner of Agriculture to enforce act.—The commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food shall enforce the provisions of this act and in so doing shall have all the power and authority granted to him in Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 3788 to 3873, as amended.

Sec. 5. Violation a misdemeanor.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

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