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CHAPTER 21A

REGULATION OF CERTAIN MANUFACTURES AND SALES

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**3966. Cotton duck or canvas—Definition—**That for the purpose of this act cotton duck or canvas shall be deemed to include all cotton duck or canvas, whether single filling, double filling, army roll or wide duck. ('13 c. 167 § 1) [3772]

**3967. What constitutes yard—**That for the purposes of this act, the equivalent of thirty-six (36) inches in length by twenty-nine (29) inches in width, or seven and one-fourth (7¼) square feet of cotton duck or canvas shall constitute a yard, and an ounce shall be one-sixteenth part of a pound avoirdupois. ('13 c. 167 § 2) [3773]

**3968. Manufacture and sale—Stamps, brands and marks—**Any person, company or corporation who shall manufacture for sale or who may offer or expose for sale any cotton duck or canvas or any article other than clothing and wearing apparel composed or made in whole or in part of cotton duck or canvas, shall distinctly and durably stamp, brand or mark thereon the true and correct weight of such cotton duck or canvas, by ounces per yard, together with a description by name of any filler or other preparation placed in or on said cotton duck or canvas since its manufacture. ('13 c. 167 § 3) [3774]

**3969. Certain sales unlawful—Misstatements, etc.—**It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation either individually or in any representative capacity, to carry for sale, sell or endeavor to sell any cotton duck or canvas as herein defined, or any articles other than clothing and wearing apparel, composed or made in whole or in part of any cotton duck or canvas without having marked thereon the true and correct weight of said canvas or cotton duck by ounces per yard, together with a description by name of any filler or other preparation placed in or on said cotton duck or canvas since its manufacture, or to misstate, misrepresent or conceal the true weight of said canvas or cotton duck by ounces per yard, or to misstate, misrepresent or conceal the existence of any filler or other preparation placed in or on said cotton duck or canvas since its manufacture. ('13 c. 167 § 4) [3775]

**3970. Concealing or misstating size unlawful—**It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation either individually or in representative capacity, selling, carrying for sale or endeavoring to sell any awnings, paulins, wagon covers, tent, grain and hay covers, stable or tent tops, to misstate or misrepresent or conceal the true and correct size and dimensions thereof. ('13 c. 167 § 5) [3776]

**3971. Unlawful to deface mark, etc.—**It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, mutilate, obscure, conceal, efface, cancel or remove any mark provided for by this act, or cause or permit the same to be done with intent to mislead, deceive or to violate any of the provisions of this act. ('13 c. 167 § 6) [3777]

**3972. Penalty for violation—**Any person, company or corporation violating any of the provisions of this

act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall for the first offense be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and for each subsequent offense by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). ('13 c. 167 § 7) [3778]

**3973. Mattresses—Manufacture and sale—Brands and labels—Penalty—**Whoever manufactures for sale, offers for sale, sells, delivers, or has in his possession with intent to sell or deliver any mattress which is not properly branded, or labeled or whoever uses, either in whole or in part in the manufacture of mattresses, any cotton, or other material which has been used, or has formed a part of any mattress, or bedding used in or about public or private hospitals or on or about any person having infectious or contagious diseases or whoever dealing in mattresses, has a mattress in his possession for the purpose of sale, or offers it for sale, without a brand or label as herein provided, or removes, conceals or defaces the brand or label thereon, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. ('13 c. 490 § 1) [3779]

By section 5 the act takes effect January 1, 1914.

**3974. Contents of brand or label—**The brand or label therein required shall contain, in plain print in the English language, a statement of the material used in the manufacture of such mattresses, whether such materials are, in whole or in part, new or second-hand, and the quality of the materials used. Such brand or label shall be in the shape of a cloth tag to be sewed or otherwise securely attached to each such article. ('13 c. 490 § 2) [3780]

**3975. What included—Construction of term "mattress"—**A mattress within the meaning of this section shall include a quilted pad, stuffed with hair, wool or other soft material, except feathers, to be used on a bed for sleeping or reclining purposes. ('13 c. 490 § 3) [3781]

**3976. Duties of commissioner of labor, attorney general, etc.—**When the commissioner of labor shall have reason or cause to believe that any of the provisions of this section are being or have been violated, such commissioner shall advise the attorney-general thereof, giving the information in support of such belief, and the attorney-general, or, under his directions, the prosecuting attorney of any county in which the violation occurs, shall forthwith institute the proper legal proceedings for the enforcement of the provisions of this section and for the punishment of the violation thereof. ('13 c. 490 § 4) [3782]