CHAPTER 509

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509.01 RECORDATION.

Any person engaged in, or any corporation or association whose members are engaged in, manufacturing, bottling, or selling soda waters, mineral or aerated waters, porter, ale, cider, ginger ale, small beer, lager beer, Weiss beer, beer, white beer, malt extract, other beverages, milk, cream, ice cream, or butter in any kind of receptacle having the name of such person, corporation, or association, or other mark or device printed, stamped, engraved, etched, blown, impressed, riveted, or otherwise produced or permanently fixed upon the same, may file in the office of the secretary of state for record a description of the name, mark, or device so used and cause such description to be printed once in each week for three successive weeks in a newspaper published in the county in which the principal place of business of such person, corporation, or association is located, or if the principal place of business of such person, corporation, or association is located in another state, then in the county wherein the principal office or depot within this state is located. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to issue to the person, corporation, or association so filing for record a description of such name, mark, or device in the office of the secretary of state a duly attested certificate of the record of the same upon receipt of a fee of \$10. Such certificate in all prosecutions under sections 509.01 to 509.06 shall be prima facie evidence of the adoption of such name. mark, or device and of the right of the person, corporation, or association named therein to adopt and use the same.

History: (8330) 1905 c 340 s 1; 1939 c 118 s 1; 1955 c 820 s 45; 1986 c 444

509.02 UNLAWFUL USE OF CONTAINERS; OBLITERATING NAME; PEN-ALTY.

It shall be unlawful for any person other than the one named in the certificate issued by the secretary of state, as provided in section 509.01, without the written consent of the person named in such certificate, to fill any receptacle bearing a name, mark, or device recorded, as provided in section 509.01, with soda water, mineral or aerated waters, porter, ale, cider, ginger ale, small beer, lager beer, Weiss beer, beer, white beer, malt extract, other beverages, milk, cream, ice cream, or butter, or to deface, erase, obliterate, cover up, or otherwise remove or conceal any such name, mark, or device on any such receptacle, or to buy, sell, give, take, dispose of in any way, or traffic in any receptacle bearing any such name, mark, or device. Any person offending against any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and upon conviction thereof punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten nor more than 90 days or by a fine of not less than \$10 or more than \$100 and each such receptacle so unlawfully dealt with as herein set out shall be deemed and held to be a separate offense.

History: (8331) 1905 c 340 s 2

509.03 RECEPTACLES DELIVERED ON DEMAND; PENALTY.

Any person having in possession or under control any receptacle bearing any name, mark, or device recorded as provided in section 509.01, and not holding a written transfer or bill of sale therefor from the person named in the certificate issued by the secretary of state as provided in section 509.01, or other authority in writing from such

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person, upon demand shall deliver such receptacle to the person named in such certificate or to the authorized agent of such person; and any person failing or refusing to so deliver the same when demanded shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and upon conviction thereof be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten nor more than 90 days or by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.

History: (8332) 1905 c 340 s 3

509.04 RECOVERY OF RECEPTACLES: SEARCH WARRANT.

When any person who has filed for record any name, mark, or device or who has acquired from the owner in writing the ownership of the name, mark, or device or the right to the exclusive use of it, or anyone representing the person, swears before any judge that the person has reason to believe and does believe that any receptacle bearing the name, mark, or device is being unlawfully used or filled or possessed by any person, the judge shall issue a search warrant to discover and obtain the receptacle. The judge may also cause the person possessing the receptacle to be brought before the court and shall then inquire into the circumstances of possession. If found guilty of violating any provisions of sections 509.01 to 509.06, the person shall be punished as prescribed and the possession of the property taken upon the warrant shall be awarded to its owner. The remedy provided by this section is not exclusive, and violators of any provision of those sections may also be prosecuted as in case of other misdemeanors.

History: (8333) 1905 c 340 s 4; 1983 c 359 s 73; 1986 c 444

509.05 RECEPTACLE AND OTHER TERMS DEFINED.

As used in sections 509.01 to 509.06, the term "receptacle" includes not only bottles, siphons, tins, kegs, one-eighth barrels, quarter barrels, half barrels, barrels, boxes, cans, and tubs, but all other receptacles used for holding any of the commodities in those sections mentioned; the term "person" may include corporation; and the requirement for a written transfer, bill of sale, authority, or consent means that it shall be signed by the person named in the certificate issued by the secretary of state, as provided by section 509.01, or by a transferee claiming under a written transfer signed by such person or by an agent whose authority is in writing signed by such person or such transferee.

History: (8334) 1905 c 340 s 5

509.06 TAKING DEPOSIT.

The requiring or taking of any deposit for any purpose upon such receptacle shall not be deemed nor held to be a sale either optional or otherwise in any proceeding under sections 509.01 to 509.06.

History: (8335) 1905 c 340 s 6

509.07-509.10 [Repealed, 1957 c 91 s 1]