

CHAPTER 109.

LABELING AND INSPECTION OF GASOLINE, BENZINE OR NAPHTHA.

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AN ACT to provide for the labeling of any of the products of petroleum known as gasoline, benzine or naphtha, sold or kept for sale within this state, to fix a punishment for the violation thereof and to provide when and the manner in which gasoline, benzine or naphtha may be inspected. [Additional to chapter eleven (11) of title twelve (XII) of the code, relating to inspection of petroleum products.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Gasoline, benzine and naphtha—how labeled or branded. That all products of petroleum, known as gasoline, benzine or naphtha, sold or kept for sale within this state, shall be labeled or branded in plain, clear, legible letters in English and figures showing the Baume gravity test at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit. If such petroleum products are sold by the barrel, half barrel or cask, the label shall be placed in a conspicuous place on each barrel, half barrel or cask. If sold from a tank wagon, the person selling or delivering the same shall show on each sale ticket the gravity test as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 2. Failure to brand—use of false labels. Any person, firm, company, association or corporation, or any employe or agent of any such person, firm, company, association or corporation, who shall sell or cause to be sold or keep for sale within this state, any products of petroleum known as gasoline, benzine or naphtha, which has not been branded as above required or which shall be falsely or incorrectly branded, or which is labeled so as to mislead or deceive the purchaser, or which is not equal to the gravity test as stated therein, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 3. Inspection. It shall be the duty of the chief oil inspector, or such state inspector or deputy as may be directed by him, upon complaint, to inspect gasoline, benzine or naphtha for the purpose of determining as to whether the same is up to the standard and quality as shown by the label thereon; or said chief oil inspector may at his own option inspect, or cause to be inspected, such petroleum products.

SEC. 4. Authority of inspectors. The chief oil inspector, or any state inspector or deputy, is hereby invested with authority and jurisdiction to enter upon the premises of anyone selling or keeping for sale within this state any gasoline, benzine or naphtha for the purpose of inspecting the same as herein provided.

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