

"Each bed, bunk, cot or other sleeping place provided for the use of guests shall be supplied with pillow-slips and under and top sheets, each top sheet to be made ninety-six (96) inches long, and of sufficient width to completely cover the mattress and springs; said sheets and pillow-slips to be made of white cotton or linen, and all such sheets and pillow-slips, after being used by one guest, to be washed and ironed before they are used by any other guest, a clean set being furnished each succeeding guest. All bedding used in any hotel shall be thoroughly aired and kept clean. Any room in any hotel under this act which shall become infested with vermin or bed-bugs shall be renovated until said vermin or bed-bugs are exterminated".

SEC. 3. **In effect.** This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, newspapers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 25 A D 1913.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital April 26, 1913.

W. S. ALLEN,  
*Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 187.

### PREVENTION OF THE PROCREATION OF HABITUAL CRIMINALS, IDIOTS, FEEBLE-MINDED, INSANE AND DISEASED AND DEGENERATE PERSONS.

H. F. 641.

AN ACT to repeal the law as it appears in chapter one hundred twenty-nine (129) of the acts of the thirty-fourth general assembly, and to enact a substitute therefor relating to the prevention of the procreation of criminals, rapists, idiots, feeble-minded, imbeciles, lunatics drunkards, drug fiends, epileptics, syphilitics, moral and sexual perverts, and diseased and degenerate persons.

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

SECTION 1. **Unsexing of criminals, idiots, etc.—board of parole—duties.** That it shall be the duty of the state board of parole, with the managing officer and the physician of each public institution in the state, entrusted with the care and custody of criminals, rapists, idiots, feeble-minded, imbeciles, lunatics, drunkards, drug fiends, epileptics, syphilitics, moral and sexual perverts, and diseased and degenerate persons, and they are hereby authorized and directed to, annually or oftener, examine into the mental and physical condition, the records and family history of the inmates of such institutions, with a view of determining whether it is improper or inadvisable to allow any of such inmates to procreate and to judge of such matters. If a majority of them decide that procreation by any of such inmates would produce children with a tendency to disease, deformity, crime, insanity, feeble-mindedness, idiocy, imbecility, epilepsy or alcoholism, or if the physical or mental condition of any such inmate will probably be materially improved thereby, or if such inmate is an epileptic or syphilitic, or gives evidence, while an inmate of such institution, that he or she is a moral or sexual pervert, then the physician of the institution: or one selected by him, shall perform the operation of vasectomy or ligation of the Fallopian tubes, as the case may be, upon such person. Pro-

vided that such operation shall be performed upon every convict or inmate of such institution who has been convicted of prostitution or violation of the law as laid down in chapter two hundred sixteen (216) of the acts of the thirty-third general assembly, or who has been twice convicted of other sexual offenses, including soliciting, as defined in section four thousand nine hundred seventy-five-c (4975-c) of the supplement to the code, 1907, or who has been twice convicted of a felony, and each such convict or inmate shall be subjected to this same operation of vasectomy or ligation of the Fallopian tubes, as the case may be, by the physician of the institution, or one selected by him.

**SEC. 2. Certain persons—operation upon application.** Those afflicted with syphilis or epilepsy may apply to the board of parole, or any judge of the district court, and upon order of such board or judge, the operation of vasectomy or ligation of the Fallopian tubes may be performed upon such person, and any law restricting the marriage of such persons shall be void and of none effect, in case one of the contracting parties has submitted to such operation and the same was known to both parties before their marriage.

**SEC. 3. Annual report.** The board of parole shall make an annual report to the governor of the state, fully covering their proceedings under the authority of this act, and also observations and statistics regarding its benefits.

**SEC. 4. Unsexing prohibited except as authorized—penalty.** Except as authorized in this act, every person who shall perform, encourage, assist in or otherwise promote the performance of either of the operations described in section one (1) of this act, for the purpose of destroying the power to procreate the human species, or any person who shall knowingly permit either of such operations to be performed upon such persons, unless the same shall be a medical necessity, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisoned in the penitentiary not to exceed one year, or both.

Approved April 19 A. D. 1913.

## CHAPTER 188.

### STALLIONS, JACKS AND REGISTERED OR PEDIGREED STOCK.

Sub. for S. F. 144.

AN ACT to amend sections two (2), three (3), five (5) and seven (7) of the law as it appears in chapter one hundred (100) of the laws of the 34th general assembly, and adding new sections to the same relating to stallions and jacks.

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

**SECTION 1. Examination—certificate of veterinarian.** Amend section two (2) of the law as it appears in chapter one hundred (100) of the laws of the 34th general assembly by striking out all of that section up to the comma after the word "disease" in the ninth line thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The owner or keeper of each and every stallion or jack over two years old kept for public service, sale, exchange or transfer shall cause said stallion or jack to be examined by a duly qualified veterinarian who shall be a graduate of a recognized college and registered as a graduate veterinarian by the Iowa board of veterinary examiners, or veterinarian, licensed by said board, who shall make affidavit that such animal is free from hereditary, infectious, contagious or transmissible disease or unsoundness.