

## CHAPTER 200.

## SALE OF CALCIUM CARBIDE.

H. F. 441.

AN ACT to regulate the sale of calcium carbide or so-called carbide and prescribe the manner in which the same shall be packed and labeled. [Additional to chapter thirteen (13) of title twelve (XII) of the supplement to the code, 1907, relating to powers and duties of the dairy and food commissioner.]

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

SECTION 1. **How sold.** Whenever any calcium carbide or so-called carbide is exposed for sale or sold within this state for the purpose of producing acetylene gas for heating or illuminating purposes, the same shall be exposed for sale and sold in air and water tight metallic containers.

SEC. 2. **Labels.** Each container shall be labeled to show the volume in cubic feet and decimal fractional parts thereof of acetylene gas, which will be liberated when an average sample of the carbide shall be mixed with water in the proportion of 64 parts of carbide to 36 parts of water. Said label shall be distinctly printed in the English language using type not smaller than eight point heavy Gothic caps and securely placed in a conspicuous place on the outside of the package and shall contain the name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer or dealer.

SEC. 3. **Analysis—fee.** Any person, firm or corporation purchasing any calcium carbide or so-called carbide for his or their own use may have the product analyzed by submitting a true sample, (carriage prepaid), to the chemist of the dairy & [and] food department and paying to the dairy & [and] food commissioner an analysis fee of fifty cents for each sample analyzed.

SEC. 4. **Sampling each container.** The sampling of the calcium carbide is to be carried out as follows: Each container is to be turned over end for end three times to get rid of any local accumulation of dust, then removing a sample weighing not less than one pound, place the same into a dry mason jar or other air and water tight vessel, then close air and water tight.

SEC. 5. **Dairy and food commissioner charged with enforcement—fee.** The state dairy & [and] food commissioner is charged with the enforcement of this act. All fees collected for the analysis of samples of calcium carbide shall be paid into the state treasury. The commissioner and his appointees may collect samples of calcium carbide whenever the same is offered or exposed for sale or sold and if the product is not packed and labeled as specified in this act or if the product is not truthfully branded as to the volume of acetylene gas liberated by the test herein prescribed, it shall be deemed a violation of this act. The having in possession by any person who is a dealer in calcium carbide any calcium carbide shall be prima facie evidence of having in possession with intent to sell.

SEC. 6. **Refusal to comply—penalty.** Any person, firm or corporation or agent thereof who refuses to comply on demand with any of the requirements of this act or who shall violate any of its provisions or who shall obstruct or hinder the commissioner or any of his assistants in the discharge of any duty imposed by this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine or [of] not exceeding \$25.00.

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