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# A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PREVENT AND PUNISH FRAUD IN THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE  
OF BUCKWHEAT FLOUR AND SUGAR-FREE MOLASSES.

SECTION 1. That no more adulterated buckwheat flour shall be manufactured or sold  
2 in this state, unless the party manufacturing or offering the same for sale shall have printed  
3 and openly exposed on the package containing the same a label plainly stating that the  
4 buckwheat flour in such package is not genuine but is adulterated.

SEC. 2. Sugar-free molasses, sometimes called maple syrup, being a twin sister (or  
2 brother, as the case may be,) to buckwheat flour; the manufacture or sale of any liquid  
3 sweetening under the name of maple syrup or sugar-free molasses in this state is hereby  
4 declared unlawful, unless the same shall be genuine, as hereafter defined in this act; and  
5 no person shall manufacture any maple syrup between the first days of May and first days  
6 of November of each year.

SEC. 3. Adulterated sweetening shall not be manufactured or sold in this state as  
2 maple syrup or sugar-free molasses, unless the package shall have a printed label, in plain  
3 English (or adulterated German, if sold in a Dutch settlement) plainly stating that such  
4 sweetening is adulterated.

SEC. 4. All liquid sweetening made from the juice of sorghum and chinch-bugs is  
2 hereby declared adulterated.

SEC. 5. Genuine buckwheat flour shall contain at least 90 per cent of ground buck-  
2 wheat, and not less than 1 per cent of grit, sand, or clean dirt from the soil, and shall con-  
3 tain no feathers, broom-corn seed (unground), and not more than 8 per cent of the sweep-  
4 ings of the mill floor.

SEC. 6. Genuine maple syrup or sugar-free molasses shall contain at least 90 per cent  
2 of the saccharine matter of maple or sugar tree sap, and a trace of dog-hair—at least 20 dog-  
3 hairs visible to each quart of the liquid; provided that 16 hairs from a yaller dog shall be  
4 equivalent to 20 within the meaning of this act; and every package in which such syrup is  
5 stored shall contain at least one-fourth of an inch of sediment to each gallon of sweetening,  
6 which shall show sand, pieces of bark, decayed worms, and such other matter as will likely  
7 find its way into sap buckets, troughs, or other vessels in which maple sap or sugar water  
8 may be stored.

SEC. 7. Any person selling, or manufacturing, or offering for sale, any adulterated  
2 article contrary to the terms of this act, shall be confined in the county jail not less than  
3 three weeks during dog-days, and shall, at his own expense, be fed only on his adulterated  
4 product; and shall, forever after, be denied the privilege of grumbling.