

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To provide for the branding and labeling of mattresses and comforts, and to provide against the use of unsanitary, unhealthy, old or second-hand material in the manufacture of mattresses and comforts and to provide against the sale of mattresses or comforts containing such unsanitary, unhealthy, old or second-hand material.

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

1 Section 1. That no person shall, within the state, manu-
2 facture for sale, knowingly offer for sale, sell, deliver or have
3 in his possession with intent to sell or deliver any mattresses
4 or comforts which is mis-branded or mis-labeled within the
5 meaning of this act.

1 Sec. 2. Mattresses and comforts shall be branded, or
2 labeled, as hereinafter provided, before being exposed for sale,
3 and shall not be exposed without such brand or label.

1 Sec. 3. The brand or label required by the next preceding
2 section shall contain printed in plain type in the English
3 language a true statement of the quality and character of the
4 material with which such mattresses or comfort is filled, and that
5 it consists wholly of new and heretofore unused material. Such
6 brand or label shall be placed upon each mattress or comfort.

1 Sec. 4. Such label shall be in the form of cloth or
2 cloth-lined tag, to be sewed or otherwise securely attached to
3 each article.

1 Sec. 5. Such brand or label shall be placed outside of
2 and upon the most conspicuous part of the finished article.

1 Sec. 6. A person dealing in mattresses or comforts as
2 described in this act shall not have them in possession for the
3 purpose of sale or offer them for sale, without the brand or
4 label required by this act, or remove, conceal or deface the
5 brand or label thereon.

1 Sec. 7. No person within this state shall use, either
2 in whole or in part, in the manufacture of mattresses or comforts
3 any cotton, or other materials which have been used for any
4 purpose whatever.

1 Sec. 8. No person within this state, shall use, either
2 in whole or in part, in the manufacture of mattresses or comforts,
3 any material known as "shoddy," and made in whole or in part from
4 old or worn clothing, carpets, or other fabric, or material
5 previously used, or any other fabric or material from which shoddy
6 is constructed.

1 Sec. 9. A mattress or comfort within the meaning of this
2 act shall include any quilted bed or pad, tufted or not tufted,
3 stitched or otherwise finished bed or pad stuffed with excelsior,
4 cotton, hair, husks, sea moss, bambee, wool, fibre, floss, kapock,
5 felted cotton. African fibre, Louisiana tree moss, or other
6 material used for this purpose, sterilized feathers excepted.

1 Sec. 10. If labeled felt or felted cotton, it is under-
2 stood that the cotton or material has all been carded in layers or
3 sheets by a Garnett or cotton felting machine.

1 Sec. 11. A person who sells, offers for sale, gives
2 away, manufactures or causes to be manufactured with intent to
3 sell, any mattresses or comforts which are not branded or labeled
4 pursuant to the provisions of this act, or who falsely brands or
5 labels any mattresses, or comforts, or who knowingly fails or
6 neglects to state the true and actual quality of the materials
7 used in any mattresses or comfort, shall upon conviction thereof
8 be fined not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, nor more
9 than five hundred (\$500) dollars, or imprisonment in the county
10 jail not more than six (6) months, or both.

1 Sec. 12. When any peace officer or health officer has
2 reason to believe that any of the provisions of this act is being
3 violated, he shall fully advise the prosecuting attorney of the
4 district and said prosecutor shall without delay proceed to
5 enforce this act.

