

CHAPTER 290

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

S. F. 335

AN ACT to define trees infected with Dutch elm disease as a nuisance when located in cities and towns and to provide for the abatement of same.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section six hundred fifty-seven point two (657.2),
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sub-
3 section:

4 "Trees infected with Dutch elm disease in cities and towns."

1 SEC. 2. Section three hundred sixty-eight point three (368.3),
2 Code 1958, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 "In any city or town the council may order the owner, occupant, or
4 person in charge of any property to remove at his own expense any
5 tree infected with Dutch elm disease found thereon, by serving such
6 person with written notice, stating some reasonable time within which
7 such removal shall be made, and if such person fails to comply with
8 said order, the council may cause the same to be executed and the cost
9 assessed against the property."

Approved April 11, 1961.

CHAPTER 291

SHOPLIFTING

H. F. 52

AN ACT relating to larceny, creating and defining the offense of shoplifting, providing penalties for such offense.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter seven hundred nine (709), Code 1958, is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "Whoever shall willfully take possession of any goods, wares, or
4 merchandise offered for sale by any store or other mercantile estab-
5 lishment, with the intention of converting the same to his own use
6 without paying the purchase price thereof, shall be guilty of shoplift-
7 ing and, when the value of the property so taken into possession ex-
8 ceeds the sum of twenty dollars, he shall be punished by imprisonment
9 in the penitentiary not more than five years, or in the county jail not
10 more than one year, or by fine of not more than one thousand dollars,
11 or by both such fine and imprisonment; when the value does not ex-
12 ceed twenty dollars, by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or im-
13 prisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days."

1 SEC. 2. The fact that any person has concealed unpurchased
2 goods or merchandise of any store or other mercantile establishment,
3 either on the premises or outside the premises of such store, shall be
4 material evidence of concealment of such article with the intention of
5 converting the same to his own use without paying the purchase price