

4. In soil sampling and making investigations pursuant to a warrant, the commissioners must execute the warrant in a reasonable manner within the time period specified in the warrant.

Sec. 2. This Act is effective January 1, 1979.

Approved May 8, 1978

CHAPTER 1165
GAS LAMPS AND PILOT LIGHTS

S. F. 182

AN ACT relating to the sale in this state of decorative gas lamps and gas appliances equipped with a pilot light and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. DEFINITIONS. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Commission" means the Iowa state commerce commission.
2. "Gas appliance" means any new residential or commercial furnace that has an input capacity of not more than two hundred thousand British thermal units per hour, air conditioner, range or dryer which uses a gaseous fuel for operation and is automatically ignited.
3. "Intermittent ignition device" means an ignition device which is actuated only when the gas appliance is in operation.
4. "Pilot light" means a gas operated device that remains continually operated or lighted in order to ignite a gas appliance to begin normal operation.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. PILOT LIGHTS PROHIBITED. New gas appliances equipped with pilot lights shall not be sold or installed in this state commencing twenty-four months after the commission has certified an intermittent ignition device for the gas appliance as provided in section three (3) of this Act. The commission may determine that an intermittent ignition device is not feasible for a particular gas appliance or that the use of a pilot light on a particular gas appliance is necessary for public health and safety. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale and installation of a gas appliance in a residence that does not have a one hundred twenty volt power supply.

Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. SPECIFICATIONS DEVELOPED. The commission shall not later than July 1, 1979, develop the specifications for certification of intermittent ignition devices for at least three gas appliances. The commission shall appoint a task force composed of affected consumer and industry representatives to assist in developing the specifications. The specifications shall not significantly affect the price of a gas appliance compared to the price of similar electrical appliances. The specifications shall have as an objective the conservation of energy resources, which objectives shall be secondary only to provisions necessary for public safety, and shall consider initial costs to the consumer, including installation and maintenance costs. The commission shall certify all intermittent ignition devices which meet the specifications. In lieu of using specifications developed under this section specifically for this state, the commission may, if it deems such action to be in the public interest, adopt appropriate national specifications developed by a trade association or other recognized national group.

Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. NOTIFICATION OF MANUFACTURERS. Within ninety days after an intermittent ignition device has been certified by the commission, the commission shall notify all gas appliance manufacturers doing business in the state concerning the prohibition of pilot lights for the particular gas appliance for which the intermittent ignition device was certified. The commission shall inform the manufacturers of the actions necessary to comply with this Act.

Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. SEAL OF CERTIFICATION. The commission shall create a seal of certification and shall distribute the seals to every manufacturer, distributor and dealer who requests them. The seal shall be affixed to every new appliance sold at retail in the state for which an intermittent ignition device has been certified. In lieu of using a seal developed under this section the commission may, if it deems such action to be in the public interest, authorize use of the seal of an appropriate trade association or other recognized national group.

Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. PENALTY. Persons convicted of violating the provisions of section two (2) of this Act shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 7. NEW SECTION. DECORATIVE GAS LAMPS.

1. Commencing January 1, 1979 a person shall not sell

or offer for sale in this state a decorative gas lamp manufactured after December 31, 1978.

2. As used in this section "decorative gas lamp" means a device installed for the purpose of producing illumination by burning natural, mixed or liquid petroleum gas and utilizing either a mantle or an open flame, but does not include portable camp lanterns or gas lamps.

3. Persons convicted of violating this section shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

Sec. 8. This Act is effective January 1, 1979.
Approved June 27, 1978

CHAPTER 1166

SKILLED NURSING CARE INSURANCE

H. F. 2273

AN ACT amending the laws applicable to accident and health insurance policies by restricting the sale of skilled nursing care coverage and requiring that the insured be given thirty days after delivery of the policy within which to return the policy and obtain a refund of the premium paid.

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

Section 1. Section five hundred seven B point four (507B.4), Code 1977, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

NEW SUBSECTION. Selling, offering for sale, delivering or issuing for delivery, or renewing in this state a policy of accident and sickness insurance as defined in section five hundred fourteen A point one (514A.1) of the Code which contains any insurance or indemnity benefit, whether as primary coverage or as supplemental coverage, for loss incurred as a result of expenses for health care provided by a skilled nursing facility as defined in subsection three (3) of section one hundred thirty-five C point one (135C.1) of the Code. Provided, however, that nothing contained in this subsection shall be deemed to prohibit the renewal of any existing insurance or indemnity benefit contained in a policy which was issued for delivery or delivered in this state prior to the effective date of this Act if the benefit, by the terms of the policy, is guaranteed by the company to be renewable at the election of the policyholder.

NEW SUBSECTION. Selling, offering for sale, delivering