

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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House Document

No. 759

H. P. 1689      House of Representatives, March 27, 1929.

Reported by a majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs.  
Both reports tabled by Mr. Carleton of Portland pending acceptance of either report. New draft ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

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AN ACT to Regulate the Manufacture of Bedding.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. No person shall manufacture for sale, sell,  
2 lease, offer to sell or lease, or deliver or consign in sale  
3 or lease, or have in his possession with intent to sell, lease,  
4 deliver or consign in sale or lease any mattress which in  
5 making, or re-making has been filled with any material of  
6 which prior use has been made, unless since last used such  
7 material has been thoroughly sterilized and disinfected by  
8 a reasonable process approved by the commissioner of

9 health, and unless such mattress shall bear securely attached  
10 thereto a substantial cloth tag upon which shall be plainly  
11 and indelibly stamped or printed in English, a statement  
12 showing that the material so used is second hand in part  
13 or in whole as the case may be and that it has been dis-  
14 infected or sterilized according to law.

Sect. 2. The state department of health is charged with  
2 the enforcement of this act and the commissioner of health  
3 by himself, his agents, any local health officer, or any officer  
4 qualified to serve civil or criminal processes, shall have the  
5 power to seize and hold for evidence at a trial for the vio-  
6 lation of this act any mattress made, re-made, or offered  
7 for sale in violation of this act, and all places where mat-  
8 tresses are made, re-made, or offered for sale or where  
9 sterilizing or disinfecting is performed under this act shall  
10 be subject to inspection by the commissioner of health or  
11 any of his agents, including local health officers.

Sect. 3. It shall be unlawful to make any false statement  
2 on any tag required under section one of this act, or to  
3 remove, alter or deface any such tag placed on any mat-  
4 tress in accordance with this act.

Sect. 4. Any person violating any provision of this act  
2 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction there-  
3 of shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than ten dol-  
4 lars and not more than fifty dollars for each offense.

Sect. 5. The word "person" as used herein shall include  
2 individuals, corporations, copartnerships and associations,

3 but shall not include persons making, re-making or reno-  
4 vating mattresses not intended for sale, lease or consign-  
5 ment in sale or lease.