

1971 Assembly Bill 855

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CHAPTER 286, Laws of 1971

AN ACT to amend 97.46 (2) and 97.47 of the statutes, relating to preservatives in pickles and sauerkraut.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 97.46 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

97.46 (2) This section shall not be construed to prohibit the sale of dietary foods containing saccharin in containers labeled in accordance with s. 97.03, nor the use of sulphur dioxide or sulphites as anti-oxidants in the processing of potatoes, frozen apples, grape juice, reconstituted lemon juice or reconstituted lime juice provided such foods contain not more than 350 parts per million SO₂; nor the use of sulphur dioxide in molasses or in the processing of dried fruits or pickled vegetables in amounts no more than may be necessary in good manufacturing practice. Any person who refreezes or offers for sale any refrozen fruit containing sulphur dioxide or sulphites as anti-oxidants in not more than 350 parts per million, may be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than 3 months or both, and for each subsequent

offense may be fined not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisoned in the county jail not less than 6 months nor more than one year. The department may promulgate rules limiting the quantity therein for any such dried fruit, ~~pickled vegetables~~ or molasses.

SECTION 2. 97.47 of the statutes is amended to read:

97.47 It is unlawful to sell, offer or expose for sale or have in possession with intent to sell for use or consumption in this state, any meat products, or dairy products, ~~sauerkraut, pickles or pickled vegetables~~, which contain added benzoic acid or benzoates; or any other article of food as defined in s. 97.01 which contains added benzoic acid or benzoates in excess of one-tenth of one percent. The presence and the amount used shall be stated on the label. When in the preparation of food products for shipment they are preserved by any external application of benzoic acid or benzoates in such a manner that the preservative is necessarily removed mechanically, or by maceration in water, or otherwise, and directions for the removal of said preservative shall be printed on the covering or the package, this section shall be construed as applying only when said products are ready for consumption.
