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CHAPTER 293

AN ACT to renumber 99.12; to amend chapter 99 (chapter title) and 99.01; and to create 99.01 (4) to (11) and 99.10 to 99.13 of the statutes, relating to refrigerated food lockers and the processing of foods for freezing.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 99 (chapter title) of the statutes is amended to read:

Chapter 99 (chapter title) COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSES AND REFRIGERATED FOOD LOCKERS.

SECTION 2. 99.01 of the statutes is amended to read:

99.01 For the purpose of this chapter, *unless the context otherwise requires:*

(1) "Cold storage" * * * means the storage or keeping of articles of food at or below a temperature above zero of 50 degrees Fahrenheit in a cold storage warehouse * * *.

(2) "Cold storage warehouse" * * * means any place artificially cooled to or below a temperature above zero of 50 degrees Fahrenheit, in which articles of food are placed and held for 40 days or more * * *.

(3) Articles of food * * * are deemed to be "received in cold storage" when they are delivered to and come into possession or custody of the licensee of a cold storage warehouse.

SECTION 3. 99.01 (4) to (11) of the statutes are created to read:

99.01 (4) "Locker" means an individual section or compartment of a capacity not to exceed 20 cubic feet, located in a locker room of a locker plant or branch locker plant, in which articles of food are stored for more than 24 hours.

(5) "Locker room" means a room located in a locker plant or branch locker plant in which lockers are located, capable of maintaining temperatures of not to exceed 5 degrees above zero Fahrenheit.

(6) "Locker plant" means a location or establishment in which food is chilled and sharp frozen and in which space or individual lockers are rented for the storage of food at or below a temperature of 5 degrees above zero Fahrenheit.

(7) "Branch locker plant" means any location or establishment used only for the rental of space or individual lockers for the storage, at or

below a temperature of 5 degrees above zero Fahrenheit, of food which has been sharp frozen.

(8) "Sharp frozen" means the complete and thorough freezing of foods with sharp freeze facilities.

(9) "Processor" means any person who directly or indirectly, for compensation, * * * wraps and freezes meat or meat products for frozen storage by the ultimate consumer.

(10) "Sharp freeze facility" means a facility capable of maintaining temperatures of 10 degrees below zero Fahrenheit or lower on still air or contact and temperatures of zero degrees Fahrenheit or lower where forced air circulation is employed; with a tolerance of 10 degrees Fahrenheit for either type of cooling for 12 hours after fresh food is put in the facility for freezing.

(11) "Chill room" means a room or compartment for the chilling of meats which is capable of maintaining temperatures within 2 degrees Fahrenheit plus or minus of 35 degrees above zero Fahrenheit, with a tolerance of 10 degrees Fahrenheit for a reasonable time after fresh food is put in for chilling.

SECTION 4. 99.12 of the statutes is renumbered 99.15.

SECTION 5. 99.10 to 99.13 of the statutes are created to read:

99.10 LICENSES. No person shall maintain or operate a locker plant or branch locker plant, or operate as a processor within the terms of this chapter, without a license so to do issued by the state department of agriculture. A separate license shall be required for each location. In the event the processor also operates a locker plant at the place where the processing occurs, then only a single license may be required for such single location. Any person desiring such a license shall make written application to the department for that purpose, stating the location of the locker plant, branch locker plant or the location of the processor. The department shall thereupon cause an examination of said place and if it be found by the department to be in a proper sanitary condition and otherwise properly equipped for its intended use in accordance with law and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the department shall issue a license authorizing the applicant to operate the plant as a locker plant, branch locker plant or as a processor during one year upon payment to the state treasurer of a license fee as follows: For a locker plant or processor, \$10; for a branch locker plant, \$10. No licensee under this section shall be required to obtain a cold storage license under s. 99.02.

99.11 FREEZING FOODS (1) No person shall place any food in a locker unless such food is completely and thoroughly frozen.

(2) All warm food and freshly cut meat shall be placed in a chill room to reduce their temperature before being placed in any sharp freeze facility.

99.12 PLANT FACILITIES (1) All locker plants and all processors shall be equipped with an ample chill room and sharp freeze facility.

(2) All locker plants and branch locker plants shall be equipped with a locker room, access to which is limited to employes and lessees of the lockers therein, or their representatives.

99.13 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1) The state department of agriculture shall formulate such rules, regulations, standards of construction, operation and sanitation of locker plants and places of establishment of processors as may be necessary for the proper protection of food, to the end of protecting the public health and protecting the public from deception or fraud.

(2) There shall be appointed by the governor 3 members of the frozen food locker industry to serve for terms of 2 years and without pay, who shall act as an advisory committee to the state department of agriculture in connection with the formulation of rules, regulations, standards of construction, operation and sanitation of locker plants and processors.

Approved June 22, 1955.
