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CHAPTER 80.

AN ACT to create section 352.085 of the statutes, relating to fraud and deception in advertising food products.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: 352.085 (1) No person, firm, corporation or association shall, with intent to sell, or increase the consumption thereof, or create an interest therein, make, publish, disseminate, circulate, or place before the public in this state, or cause, directly or indirectly to be made, published, disseminated, or placed before the public in this state, in a newspaper or other publication, or in the form of a book notice, handbill, poster, bill, circular or pamphlet, or in any other manner, an advertisement of any sort regarding articles of food, which advertisement contains any assertion, representation or statement which is untrue, deceptive or misleading.

(2) It shall be unlawful to advertise any dairy or other food product which is of a grade or quality inferior to or less valuable than the usual and ordinary grade established by common understanding or law for such product, or from which a more valuable portion has been removed, without plainly and conspicuously stating that the article advertised is below and inferior to the usual and ordinary grade.

(3) Any person, who by himself or his agent, or as the agent or servant of any other person, firm, corporation or association, shall violate any provision of this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

(4) It shall be the duty of the dairy and food commissioner to enforce the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved May 7, 1927.