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Establishing, author-  
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Ohio and central Mis-  
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Experiments, etc.,  
directed.

Amount authorized  
for establishing.  
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**CHAP. 767.**—An Act To authorize the establishment and maintenance of a forest experiment station in the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to establish and maintain a forest experiment station in the States of the Ohio Valley and central Mississippi Valley, at such a place or places as may be selected by him, and he is hereby authorized and directed to conduct silvicultural, forest-fire, dendrological, and other experiments and investigations, independently or in cooperation with other branches of the Federal Government, and with States, universities, colleges, county and municipal agencies, associations, and individuals, to determine the best methods for the growing, management, and protection of timber crops on forest lands and farm wood lots.

**SEC. 2.** An appropriation of \$30,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, for the establishment of the station provided by this Act and such annual appropriations as may thereafter be necessary for its maintenance and operation are hereby authorized.

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District of Columbia.  
Mattresses.

Terms defined.  
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secondhand material.

Selling, etc., mattress  
made of material from  
hospitals, etc.

Made of secondhand  
material not sterilized,  
etc.

**CHAP. 768.**—An Act To regulate the manufacture, renovation, and sale of mattresses in the District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That as used in this Act—

(a) The term "mattress" includes any quilt, comfort, pad, pillow, cushion, or bag stuffed with hair, down, feathers, wool, cotton, excelsior, jute, or any other soft material and designed for use for sleeping or reclining purposes.

(b) The term "person" means individual, partnership, corporation, or association.

(c) The term "commissioners" means the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

**SEC. 2.** That no person in the District of Columbia—

(a) Who is a manufacturer or renovator of, or dealer in, mattresses shall sell, exchange, give away, or offer or have in his possession for sale, exchange, or gift, any mattress which bears any false or misleading label, statement, design, or device, in respect of its material or processes of manufacture or renovation, or which is not labeled as provided in section 3.

(b) Who is a renovator of mattresses shall use in whole or in part, in the renovation of any mattress, material which has formed part of any mattress theretofore used in or about any sanitarium or hospital, or used by any individual having an infectious or contagious disease.

(c) Who is a manufacturer of mattresses shall use in whole or in part any secondhand material in the manufacture of mattresses sold, exchanged, or given away, or to be offered for sale, exchange, or gift, as new mattresses.

(d) Shall knowingly sell, exchange, give away, or offer or have in his possession for sale, exchange, or gift, (1) any mattress which has been used, or is composed in whole or in part from material which has formed part of any mattress theretofore used in any sanitarium or hospital or by any individual having an infectious or contagious disease, or (2) any mattress which is composed in whole or in part of secondhand material which has not been thoroughly sterilized and disinfected by a process approved by the health officer of the District of Columbia.

(e) Who is a manufacturer or renovator of, or a dealer in, mattresses, shall remove, conceal, or deface, or cause or permit to be removed, concealed, or defaced, any label placed, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, upon any mattress.

Removing label, etc.

SEC. 3. That the label required by section 2 shall consist of a tag which shall be sewed or otherwise securely attached to the mattress. In case the mattress has not been renovated the label shall contain in plain, legible print in the English language a statement showing (a) the name and address of the manufacturer, (b) a description of the materials used in the manufacture of such mattress, and (c) whether such materials are in whole or in part second hand. In case the mattress has been renovated the label shall contain in such print the word "Renovated" and a statement of (1) the name and address of the renovator, and (2) a description of the materials used in the renovated mattress. For the purposes of this Act the materials so used shall be described in such manner as the commissioners shall by regulation prescribe.

Tag requirements.

Not renovated.

Renovated.

SEC. 4. That no dealers shall be prosecuted under the provisions of this Act when he can establish a guaranty signed by the manufacturer residing in the United States from whom he purchases mattresses to the effect that the statements contained on the labels attached to such mattresses are true. Such guaranty, to afford protection, shall contain the name and address of the manufacturer making the sale of such mattresses to the dealer, and in such case the manufacturer shall be amenable to the prosecutions, fines, and other penalties which would attach, in due course, to the dealer under the provisions of this Act. In case the manufacturer resides outside the District of Columbia it shall be the duty of each district attorney to whom the health officer of the District of Columbia shall report the violation to cause appropriate proceedings to be commenced and prosecuted against the manufacturer without delay in the proper courts of the United States.

Guaranty from manufacturer to protect dealer.

Contents of guaranty.

Prosecution of manufacturer outside the District.

SEC. 5. That any person violating any provision of section 2 or section 7 shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. All prosecutions under this Act, except as provided in section 4, shall be in the police court of the District of Columbia upon information by the corporation counsel or one of his assistants.

Punishment for violations.

Prosecutions in police court.

SEC. 6. That, except as provided in section 5, the administration of this Act shall be in charge of the health officer of the District of Columbia under the supervision of the commissioners. The commissioners are authorized to make such regulations as may be necessary for the efficient administration of this Act.

Administration by District health officer.

SEC. 7. That it shall be the duty of the health officer of the District of Columbia, whenever he has reason to believe that any provision of this Act is being or has been violated, to cause an investigation to be made. For the purpose of such investigation the health officer, or any of his assistants designated by him in writing, shall have authority at all times during the ordinary business hours to enter any building or other place in the District of Columbia where mattresses are manufactured, renovated, or held for sale, exchange, or gift, or delivery in pursuance thereof. No person shall refuse or obstruct such inspection. Evidence obtained by the health officer or his assistants of any violation of this Act shall be furnished the corporation counsel.

Investigations of supposed violations.

Authority to enter buildings, etc.

Evidence to be sent to corporation counsel.

SEC. 8. That if on inspection the health officer or his assistants find in the District of Columbia any mattress held for sale, exchange, or gift, or delivery in pursuance thereof, which has been used or is composed in whole or in part of materials which have formed part

Seizure and destruction of mattresses violating provisions of Act.

of any mattress used in or about any sanitarium or hospital or by any individual having an infectious or contagious disease, or is composed in whole or in part of secondhand material which has not been thoroughly sterilized and disinfected by a process approved by the health officer, or if the health officer or his assistants find in the District of Columbia any such materials held for use in the manufacture or renovation of any mattress, the health officer shall, after first making and filing in the public records of his office a written order stating the reason therefor, thereupon without further notice cause such mattress or material intended to be used in the manufacture of any mattress to be seized, removed, and destroyed by summary action.

Effective in 60 days.

SEC. 9. That this Act shall take effect sixty days after its enactment.

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CHAP. 769.—An Act To provide for the establishment of a dairying and livestock experiment station at Mandan, North Dakota.

Mandan, N. Dak.  
Dairying and live-  
stock experiment sta-  
tion authorized at.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to establish at Mandan, North Dakota, a dairying and livestock experiment station, in connection with the Great Plains Experiment Station, for investigations and experiments in the dairy and livestock industries and the problems pertaining to the establishment and development of such industries, and for demonstrations, assistance, and service in livestock breeding, growing, and feeding.

Amount authorized  
for.  
*Post*, p. 1005.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this Act, including the acquisition of suitable lands, the construction of buildings, the purchase of livestock and breeders, and the employment of necessary persons.

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CHAP. 770.—An Act For the establishment and maintenance of a forest experiment station in Pennsylvania and the neighboring States.

Forest experiment  
station.  
Establishing, author-  
ized in cooperation  
with Pennsylvania and  
neighboring States.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to determine and demonstrate the best methods for the growing, management, and protection of timber crops on forest lands and farm wood lots, the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized and directed to establish and maintain a forest experiment station at such place or places as may be determined as most suitable by him, in cooperation with the State of Pennsylvania and with the neighboring States, and to conduct such silvicultural and other forest experiments and investigations as may be necessary, either independently or in cooperation with other organizations, institutions, or individuals, and that to carry out the purposes of this Act an appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 is hereby authorized.

Experiments, etc.,  
directed.

Amount authorized  
for.  
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