

Fraud—Fruit and Vegetable Packing.

1884, ch. 407, sec. 1.

100. Every person, firm or corporation, now engaged or who may hereafter engage in the business of canned fruits, vegetables and other products, and who shall can or preserve in cans by hermetically sealing any description of fruits or vegetables that have been previously evaporated or dried by the application of heat, and known under the general name of dried fruits and vegetables, shall stamp, or cause to be stamped in the cap covering the mouth of the can into which the said dried fruits or vegetables are to be put up or canned, the following words "soaked goods," as also the *bona fide* name of the person, firm or corporation canning the said dried fruits or vegetables; and the said words to be stamped in the cap of the can shall be of letters not less than three-sixteenths of one inch in height, and one-sixteenth of an inch in breadth.

Ibid. sec. 2.

101. Any person, firm or corporation, who shall neglect to comply with the provisions of the preceding section, and every person or persons who shall render illegible, conceal or hide in any manner the words to be stamped in the cap of the can, as mentioned in said section, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment in any court of this State having competent jurisdiction for the trial of misdemeanors; and one-half of said fine shall be paid to the informer, and the other half into the treasury of the State.

1886, ch. 496, sec. 1.

102. It shall be unlawful in this State for any packer or dealer in hermetically canned or preserved fruits, vegetables or other articles of food, excepting oysters, to sell such canned or preserved fruits, vegetables or other articles of food, unless the cans, jars or vessels which contain the same shall bear the name and address of the person, firm or corporation that canned or packed the article, or the name of the dealer who purchases the same from the packer or his agent; such name, address or place