



CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 104, "An Act to add Subchapter I to Chapter 6, Title X, of the Government Code of Guam, pertaining to mattress and bedding sterilization, and to add subsection (g) to Section 9510, Title X, Government Code of Guam, and other purposes", was on the 18th day of June, 1959, duly and regularly passed.


A. B. WGN PAT
Speaker


ATTESTED:


V. B. BAMBA
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 23rd day
of June, 1959, at 9:24 o'clock A. M.


MANUEL F. L. GUERRERO
Assistant Secretary of Guam

APPROVED:


MARCELLUS GRAEME BOSS
Acting Governor of Guam

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Bill No. 104

Introduced by _____
Committee on Rules, by
request

AN ACT TO ADD SUBCHAPTER I TO CHAPTER 6,
TITLE X, OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM,
PERTAINING TO MATTRESS AND BEDDING
STERILIZATION, AND TO ADD SUBSECTION (g)
TO SECTION 9510, TITLE X, GOVERNMENT CODE
OF GUAM, AND OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM:

Section 1. Subchapter I is hereby added to Chapter 6, Title X,
Government Code of Guam, to read as follows:

"Subchapter I

Mattress Sanitation

Section 9580. Short Title. This Subchapter may be cited
as the 'Mattress Sanitation Law'.

Section 9580.1. Definitions. For the purpose of this
Subchapter, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) 'Mattress' means any quilted pad, comforter, mattress
pad, hammock pad, bunk quilt, sleeping bag, cushion or
pillow which is stuffed or filled in whole or part with
mattress material and which can be used for sleeping or
reclining purposes.

(b) 'Mattress material' means any wool, hair, cotton,
cotton liner, kapok, feathers, down, or any other soft
material or combination thereof, natural or synthetic,
loose or in batting, pads, padding, or any other pre-
fabricated form, including thread, yarn, fabric, pads,
padding, mattress covering, or scraps of the same that
have been subsequently garnetted, torn, shredded, picked
apart, or otherwise disintegrated.

(c) 'Mattress covering' includes the outside casing or
container portion of a mattress which is capable of being
stuffed or filled, or any part thereof.

1 (d) 'Person' means any person, firm, association, partner-
2 ship, corporation, clinic, medical center, hospital or
3 government agency.

4 (e) 'Establishment' means and includes every business
5 establishment used or occupied for the selling, manu-
6 facturing, remaking, renovating, repair, garnetting or
7 sterilization, of previously used mattresses, previously
8 used mattress materials, or previously used mattress covers.

9 (f) 'Sterilization equipment' means all equipment used
10 in any process of sterilization set forth in this Sub-
11 chapter or in any other process of sterilization approved
12 by the Director.

13 Section 9580.2. Health Permit. It shall be unlawful for
14 any person to open for business or operate, or advertise or
15 otherwise hold himself out as being in such business, any
16 establishment without a valid health permit as required by
17 Subchapter B. Only those persons who comply with all of the
18 applicable requirements of this Subchapter shall be entitled to
19 receive and retain such permit.

20 Section 9580.3. Health certificate. All employees of
21 any establishment shall have a valid health certificate as
22 provided by Subchapter C.

23 Section 9580.4. Sanitation; sterilization equipment.
24 Every establishment shall be operated on premises which are
25 adequately housed, lighted and ventilated, and are kept at all
26 times clean and free from insects and rodents and are maintained
27 in good repair. Sterilization equipment, if any, shall be of
28 a type adequate to perform sterilization processes as required
29 by this Subchapter and shall be maintained in good condition
30 and repair.

31 Section 9580.5. Inspection of premises. The Director shall
32 inspect every establishment, including the premises thereof and

1 any sterilization equipment, prior to the issuance of a Health
2 Permit, and as often as may be deemed necessary thereafter, but
3 at least once every six months.

4 Section 9580.6. Processes of sterilization for mattresses
5 and mattress materials. The following processes of sterilization
6 are authorized for mattresses and mattress materials:

7 (a) Steam under pressure. Mattresses or mattress materials
8 shall be subjected to treatment in a chamber by live steam
9 at a pressure of fifteen (15) pounds per square inch for
10 thirty (30) minutes, or twenty (20) pounds for twenty (20)
11 minutes. The chamber shall be sufficiently strong to handle
12 the pressure applied, steam-tight, and equipped with a
13 recording steam gauge visible from the outside.

14 (b) Steaming steam. Mattresses or mattress materials shall
15 be subjected to two (2) applications of steaming steam
16 maintained for one (1) hour each at a minimum temperature
17 of two hundred (200) degrees Fahrenheit, with an interval
18 of not less than six (6) hours nor more than twenty-four
19 (24) hours between applications. The chamber shall be
20 steam-tight and equipped with a recording thermometer,
21 visible from the outside, and have outlet valves at top
22 and bottom and provisions for draining off condensed steam.

23 (c) Hot air. Mattresses or mattress materials shall be
24 subjected to one (1) application of hot air of which the
25 temperature of the chamber shall be maintained at two
26 hundred and fifty (250) degrees Fahrenheit, for a period
27 of at least two and one-half (2½) hours. The chamber
28 shall be air-tight and equipped with a recording thermo-
29 meter visible from the outside.

30 (d) Chemical sterilization. Mattresses or mattress
31 materials shall be treated with formaldehyde gas and
32 moisture and in addition, if desired, with sulfur dioxide,

1 for at least ten (10) hours. A formaldehyde gas shall be
2 generated from the use of one (1) pint of formaldehyde
3 solution thirty-seven per cent (37%) to each one thousand
4 (1,000) cubic feet of air space, or through the use of any
5 commercial fumigator which generates an equivalent quantity
6 of gas. The moist atmosphere shall be produced by thoroughly
7 sprinkling the floor of the room with warm water just prior
8 to sterilization. The room shall be provided with a separate
9 air inlet and also an exhaust ventilator leading to the open
10 air. Both inlet and exhaust connections shall be equipped
11 with tight dampers or closure gates which can be operated from
12 outside the room. Rooms for chemical sterilization shall be
13 made gas-tight.

14 Section 9580.7. Process of sterilization for mattress
15 coverings. All used mattress coverings shall be thoroughly
16 washed with soap and water and then either submerged and
17 boiled in water for a minimum period of one (1) hour or sub-
18 jected to a process of sterilization outlined in Section 9580.6.

19 Section 9580.8. Retail sales; sterilization; labeling.

20 (a) No previously used mattress, previously used mattress
21 materials, or previously used mattress coverings shall be
22 sold or offered for sale at retail, or accepted for con-
23 signment sale at retail, by any establishment, without
24 having been subsequently sterilized in accordance with
25 this Subchapter and having attached thereto a label, stating:

- 26 1. Type of article with the designation
27 'PREVIOUSLY USED'.
- 28 2. Date of sterilization.
- 29 3. Person by whom sterilization performed, and Health
30 Permit number of such person.
- 31 4. Owner of the article.
- 32 5. Method of sterilization used.

6. Number of the label.

(b) Labels shall be provided by the Department at reasonable cost and shall be attached by the person who has performed the sterilization immediately after the sterilization has been completed. Such person shall maintain records showing disposition of all labels issued to him, which records shall be open to inspection by the Director, and shall return any void or mutilated labels to the Director.

(c) This section shall not apply to any previously used mattress, previously used mattress materials, or previously used mattress cover, imported into Guam and which has been sterilized outside of Guam subsequent to such previous use in accordance with the laws and regulations of any state, territory or possession of the United States following procedures approved as satisfactory by the Director, and further bearing an authorized label indicating such sterilization."

Section 2. Subsection (g) is hereby added to Section 9510, Subchapter B, Chapter 6 of Title X, Government Code of Guam, to read as follows:

"(g) Any establishment licensed under Subchapter I, the Mattress Sanitation Law."

Section 3. This Act shall be effective on the first day of the fourth month after approval by the Governor.