

## AN ACT PROVIDING PUNISHMENT FOR THE ADULTERATION OF MILK AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PORTO RICO, AUGUST 12,  
1925

I, E. J. SALDAÑA, Executive Secretary of Porto Rico, DO HEREBY CERTIFY: That the attached two typewritten sheets are a true and correct copy of Act No. 77 of the Eleventh Legislative Assembly of Porto Rico, First Session, approved August 12, 1925, entitled "An Act Providing punishment for the adulteration of milk and for other purposes.", the original of which is now on file and of record in this office.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Porto Rico to be affixed, at the city of San Juan, this thirteenth day of August, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.

E. J. SALDAÑA,  
*Executive Secretary of Porto Rico.*

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of Porto Rico:*

Section 1.—Every person who adulterates or dilutes milk and every person who sells, offers or keeps for sale, or who transports or stores milk to be used for human consumption, and every person using milk adulterated or diluted for industrial purposes, when such milk is to be used in the preparation of food for human consumption, shall be guilty of misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than twenty-five (25) nor more than (100) dollars; *Provided*, That subsequent offenses shall entail confinement in jail for a term of from six months to one year, a fine of five hundred (500) dollars and the revocation of the license; *And provided, further*, That every person to whom a license is granted for the sale and distribution of milk shall be required to furnish a bond in favor of The People of Porto Rico, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Health, the amount of which shall be determined by the latter and approved by the Attorney General. Said bond shall not be less than one hundred (100) nor more than one thousand (1,000) dollars. This bond, as far as it will go, or such part thereof as may be necessary, shall be applied to the payment of such fine as the court may impose on a person convicted under this Act.

Section 2.—The standard grade of milk shall be fixed by the Commissioner of Health of Porto Rico and published for a general knowledge in such news-

papers having the greatest circulation in the Island as said Commissioner may determine.

Section 3.—Judgment rendered against any person for a second or subsequent offense shall be published in two newspapers of the greatest circulation in the Island, and shall also be advertised by means of posters to be placed in public places and at the domicile or establishment of the guilty party.

Section 4.—All powdered skimmed milk sold or used in the Island of Porto Rico, as cattle feed, shall be duly colored with artificial coloring material, certified by the Department of Agriculture of the United States, and with the approval of the Commissioner of Health of Porto Rico; *Provided*, That all powdered milk to be used for these purposes which is placed on sale or used in Porto Rico without the foregoing provision having been complied with, shall be seized by the Commissioner of Health or by his agents, and a charge shall be brought against the person so offering it for sale, or using it, and upon conviction, such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty (50) dollars nor more than one hundred (100) dollars, or by confinement in jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days, or by both penalties in the discretion of the court.

Section 5.—Jurisdiction to take cognizance in said cases and to impose punishment for violation of the provisions of this Act is hereby exclusively conferred on the district courts.

Section 6.—All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they are in conflict with this Act.

Section 7.—This Act shall take effect ninety days after its approval.

*Approved August 12, 1925.*

