

**LIQUID FUELS, LUBRICATING OILS, OR SIMILAR PRODUCTS**  
**Act 231 of 1931**

AN ACT to prohibit fraud and deceit in the sale of liquid fuels, lubricating oils or similar products; to prohibit the sale of such products under false or fictitious names; to prohibit substitution, mixing or adulteration of such products so as to deceive the purchaser thereof as to their nature, quality and identity; to prohibit the use of containers, tanks, pumps or other distributing equipment for the storage or sale of such products, other than those indicated by the name, device, sign or distinguishing marks upon such containers, tanks, pumps or distributing equipment; and to provide a penalty for violations of this act.

**History:** 1931, Act 231, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1931.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**752.251 Liquid fuels, lubricating oils; deceit in sale unlawful.**

Sec. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation to store, sell, expose for sale or offer for sale any liquid fuels, lubricating oils or similar products, in any manner whatsoever, so as to deceive or tend to deceive the purchaser as to the nature, quality and/or identity of the product so sold or offered for sale.

**History:** 1931, Act 231, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1931;—CL 1948, 752.251.

**752.252 Liquid fuels, lubricating oils; distributing equipment to bear distinguishing mark.**

Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation to store, keep, expose for sale, offer for sale, or sell from any tank or container or from any pump or other distributing device any other liquid fuels, lubricating oils or similar products than those indicated by the name, trade name, trade name symbol, sign or other distinguishing mark or device of the manufacturer or distributor appearing upon the tank, container, pump or other distributing equipment from which the same are sold, offered for sale or distributed.

**History:** 1931, Act 231, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1931;—CL 1948, 752.252.

**752.253 Liquid fuels, lubricating oils; disguise of distributing equipment unlawful.**

Sec. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation to disguise or camouflage his or their own equipment by imitating the design, symbol or trade name of the equipment under which recognized brands of liquid fuels, lubricating oils or similar products are generally marketed.

**History:** 1931, Act 231, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1931;—CL 1948, 752.253.

**752.254 Liquid fuels, lubricating oils; substitution, mixture or adulteration unlawful.**

Sec. 4. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation to expose for sale, offer for sale or sell under any trade-mark or trade name in general use any liquid fuels, lubricating oils or similar products except those manufactured or distributed by the manufacturer or distributor marketing liquid fuels, lubricating oils or similar products, under such trade-mark or trade name, or to substitute, mix or adulterate the liquid fuels, lubricating oils or similar products sold, offered for sale or distributed under such trade-mark or trade name.

**History:** 1931, Act 231, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1931;—CL 1948, 752.254.

**752.255 Liquid fuels, lubricating oils; unlawful deposit in distributing equipment.**

Sec. 5. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation to aid or assist any other person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation in the violation of the provisions of this act by depositing or delivering into any tank, receptacle or other container any other liquid fuels, lubricating oils or similar products than those intended to be stored therein and distributed therefrom as indicated by the name of the manufacturer or distributor or the trade-mark or trade name of the product displayed on the container itself or on the pump or other distributing device used in connection therewith.

**History:** 1931, Act 231, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1931;—CL 1948, 752.255.

**752.256 Liquid fuels, lubricating oils; labeling of distributing equipment.**

Sec. 6. There shall be firmly attached to or painted on containers, tanks, pumps or other distributing equipment at or near the point from which liquid fuels, lubricating oils or similar products are drawn or poured out for sale or delivery, a sign or label consisting of the word or words in letters not less than 1 inch in height comprising the brand or trade name of such liquid fuels, lubricating oils or similar products; and if any

of such liquid fuels, lubricating oils or similar products shall have no brand or trade name the sign or label shall consist of the words, in letters not less than 3 inches high, "Gasoline, No Brand", or "Lubricating Oil, No Brand", or words of similar effect in the case of other products.

**History:** 1931, Act 231, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1931;—CL 1948, 752.256.

**752.257 Penalty.**

Sec. 7. Any person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation, or any officer, agent or employe thereof, who shall violate any provision of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than 500 dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 1 year or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

**History:** 1931, Act 231, Imd. Eff. May 29, 1931;—CL 1948, 752.257.

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