

CHAPTER 17B

GRAIN INSPECTION; WEIGHING, SAMPLING,
AND ANALYSIS ACT

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17B.15 FEES FOR INSPECTION AND WEIGHING; DEDICATED ACCOUNT.

Subdivision 1. **Administration; appropriation.** The fees for inspection and weighing shall be fixed by the commissioner and be a lien upon the grain. The commissioner shall set fees for all inspection and weighing in an amount adequate to pay the expenses of carrying out and enforcing the purposes of sections 17B.01 to 17B.23, including repayment by the department of any amount appropriated from the general fund to establish the grain inspection and weighing account. The fees may be adjusted and set so as to establish a six month or less reserve. Payment shall be required for services rendered. If the grain is in transit, the fees shall be paid by the carrier and treated as advance charges, and, if received for storage, the fees shall be paid by the warehouseman, and added to the storage charges.

All fees collected and all fines and penalties for violation of any provision of this chapter shall be deposited in the grain inspection and weighing account, which is created in the state treasury for carrying out the purpose of sections 17B.01 to 17B.23. The money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of agriculture to administer the provisions of sections 17B.01 to 17B.23.

Subd. 2. **Review.** The commissioner is directed to review the fee schedule each April and October. Fee adjustments shall be effective the first of January and July following the review.

Subd. 3. **Minimum charge.** The schedule of fees shall provide that any elevator, mill, or other business requesting a weighing or inspection service, shall pay a minimum charge per hour for each employee requested or assigned. Any fees earned by the employee shall be credited against the charge made therefor. The minimum charge shall be assessed only after taking into consideration all fees earned and all hours charged. When deemed necessary by the commissioner, a charge for actual overtime costs may be made.

History: 1981 c 356 s 258

17B.23 ALFALFA, SWEET CLOVER, RED CLOVER, AND GRASS SEEDS.

Alfalfa seed, sweet clover seed, red clover seed, and all grass seeds now or hereafter grown in commercial quantities in this state are hereby made subject to and brought within the provisions of the laws of this state which authorize, provide for, and regulate the establishment of "Minnesota grades" and the grading thereunder of wheat and similar grains, including sections 17B.10 to 17B.21, and all other applicable provisions of the statutes. The commissioner shall have plenary power, so far as the same may be constitutionally delegated, to supplement the provisions of the statutes and adopt the same to the purpose of sections 17B.23 to 17B.26; and, to that end, the commissioner may make, promulgate, and enforce all rules, regulations, directions, and orders appropriate or convenient for the aforesaid.

History: 1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 37