

CHAPTER 17A

LIVESTOCK MARKET AGENCY AND
DEALER LICENSING ACT

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17A.04 LICENSES.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1984]

Subd. 1a. **Registration of livestock buyers.** The commissioner shall adopt permanent and emergency rules, in conjunction with the license application, to register livestock buyers under section 386.42 in counties where the buyer selects to be registered. The commissioner shall collect a \$10 fee and a \$5 per county registration fee from the buyer, register the buyer, and pay the county registration fee within ten days after the license is issued.

Subd. 2. **Application.** Any person desiring to carry on the business of a livestock market agency or livestock dealer, or both, or a public stockyard shall make application to the commissioner on a form or forms provided by the commissioner. The form must provide for registration as a livestock buyer under section 386.42.

[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.1984]

Subd. 5. **License fee.** The applicant shall submit to the commissioner the fee for the county registration as a livestock buyer under subdivision 1a and the following applicable fees and penalties for late renewal:

- (a) \$150 for each livestock market agency and public stockyard license, penalty \$38;
- (b) \$50 for each livestock dealer license, penalty \$13;
- (c) \$30 for each agent of a livestock dealer license, penalty \$10;
- (d) \$50 for each meat packing company license, penalty \$13;
- (e) \$30 for each agent of a meat packing company license, penalty \$10.

[For text of subds 6 to 8, see M.S.1984]

History: 1985 c 233 s 1-3

17A.091 SWINE IDENTIFICATION AND HEALTH STANDARDS.

Subdivision 1. **Delay before slaughter required.** Any livestock dealer, market operator, stockyard operator, commission company, buying station, or slaughtering establishment must identify the herd of origin, regardless of country of origin, of sows, boars, stags, and other swine. Sows, boars, stags, or other swine delivered for slaughter in a United States Department of Agriculture sealed shipment may not be slaughtered for a period of (1) seven days after receipt for slaughter or (2) until the commissioner determines, based upon laboratory analysis results for 50 percent of the animals in the shipment, that the animals meet United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Food and Drug Administration standards, whichever is later.

Subd. 2. **Rules.** The commissioner may adopt permanent and emergency rules to implement this section.

History: 1985 c 258 s 1

17A.10 LIVESTOCK SCALES AND WEIGHING.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1984]

Subd. 2. **State livestock weighmasters.** The commissioner shall appoint state employees as necessary to provide state weighing service at public stockyards, packing plants, slaughtering houses, buying stations, or livestock market agencies on application from the business entity requesting official state livestock weighing. State livestock weighmasters shall weigh all livestock coming to these places for sale, keep a record of the weights, and furnish the interested parties a certificate of state weight stating the number of animals weighed and the weight of the animals. The certificate is prima facie evidence of the facts certified. An application for official state livestock weighing constitutes an agreement between the business entity requesting state weighing and the commissioner. The agreement is for one year beginning July 1 and ending the following June 30. The agreement automatically renews each year unless the business entity gives the commissioner a written notice of intent to terminate at least 360 days prior to July 1. Otherwise the commissioner shall continue to provide state weighing services in accordance with this chapter.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1984]

History: 1Sp1985 c 10 s 44

17A.11 FEES FOR LIVESTOCK WEIGHING.

The commissioner shall prescribe the fee necessary to cover the cost of state weighing, to be assessed and collected from the seller in the manner the commissioner may prescribe. The fee assessed must be the same, and the manner of collection of the fee must be uniform at all facilities. At any location where state weighing is performed in accordance with this chapter and the total annual fees collected are insufficient to pay the cost of the weighing, the annual deficit shall be assessed and collected in the manner the commissioner may prescribe. Additional money arising from the weighing of animals by the commissioner, which has been collected and retained by any person, shall be paid on demand to the commissioner. All money collected by the commissioner shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the livestock weighing fund, and shall be paid out only on the order of the commissioner and the state's warrant.

History: 1985 c 241 s 1; 1Sp1985 c 10 s 45