

CHAPTER 421

(House Bill 732)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 435 through 439 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Livestock," subheading "Livestock Sales," to substitute the term "livestock" for "bovine animals," to define said term, to provide that a health certificate or a declaration stating the names and addresses of the owner or consignor and consignee be furnished a trucker or hauler of livestock and making other necessary changes in said law.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 435 through 439 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Livestock," subheading "Livestock Sales," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

435. Definitions.

(a) Person. Individual agent, partnership, farm, association, corporation, co-operative or other group or combination.

(b) *Livestock.* For the purpose of this subtitle the term *livestock* shall mean live animals of beef or dairy cattle, swine, sheep or goats.

~~[(b)]~~(c) Dealer or itinerant dealer. A person who engages in the business of buying, selling, exchanging, bartering or transferring ~~[(bovine animals)]~~ *livestock* from his own premises or from any other location.

~~[(c)]~~(d) Livestock sales agency. A person who conducts sales of livestock at irregular intervals by auction, barter, transferring, or any other means, at designated places, such as farm premises, auction markets, fair grounds, or any other location where the animals are gathered.

~~[(d)]~~(e) Livestock market or livestock auction market. A person and an established location provided with holding pens, scales, sales ring, and/or other physical features, where livestock is assembled, weighed, graded and offered for sale at auction, trade or by other means, on specified sale days or at any other time.

~~[(e)]~~(f) Trucker or hauler. A person who engages in the business of transporting livestock in trucks or other conveyances *to or* from a farm, a livestock auction, sales agency, or dealer's premises.

436. Records.

(a) Animals received and disposed of. It shall be the duty of each *livestock* auction market, *livestock* sales agency and *livestock* dealer to maintain a record covering all animals received and disposed of. These records must include date of receipt and date of sale, name and address of consignor and purchaser. Each ~~[(bovine)]~~ animal must be identified by metal ear tag number, tattoo number, purebred name and registry number, or horn or hoof brand number, by breed, sex, age and approximate weight, the health status and the purpose for which the animals are consigned, that is, for breeding,