

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 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, feeding, grazing or milk production. Individual identification is not required for:

[1. Animals for immediate slaughter.]

[2.] 1. Steers, or ~~sprayed~~ SPAYED heifers.

[3.] 2. Calves under 8 months of age of beef type for feeding and grazing purposes.

Such records must be retained for a period of three years.

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(a) Each livestock auction market, each livestock sales agency, and dealer or itinerant dealer located within the State of Maryland or operating in the State of Maryland, shall obtain *annually on or before June 30* a license **[on an annual basis]** from the State Veterinarian appointed by the Maryland State Board of Agriculture. Such license shall be issued **[annually]** upon application and payment of a fee of **[five dollars (\$5.00)]** *twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)* and shall remain in effect **[for one year from the date of issue]** *until June 30 next following* unless otherwise revoked. The license fees shall constitute a fund to be administered by the State Board of Agriculture in partially defraying the expenses under this subtitle. The license shall be displayed at the auction market, at the sales agency office, or at the headquarters of the dealer. Identification cards may be issued to licensees.

(b) *The State Veterinarian may refuse to issue a license to an applicant, or may suspend or revoke a license for any of the following causes:*

(1) *Fraudulent or deceptive statement on an application for a license;*

(2) *Conviction of a violation of any of the provisions of this subtitle or the rules and regulations issued hereunder;*

(3) *Frequent or numerous violations of the rules or regulations of the State Board of Agriculture.*

(c) *The State Board of Agriculture may promulgate regulations establishing standards of sanitation and sanitary practices to be observed on all premises used by licensed livestock dealers, licensed auction markets and licensed sales agencies.*

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

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