

## CHAPTER 17A

LIVESTOCK MARKET AGENCY AND  
DEALER LICENSING ACT

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**17A.02 PURPOSE.**

This chapter establishes jurisdiction and authority with the commissioner of agriculture over livestock marketing by requiring financial responsibility and fair trade practices for the benefit and protection of farmers, livestock producers, marketing agencies, dealers, any business entity engaged in the marketing process, and the public.

**History:** 1981 c 54 s 1

**17A.03 DEFINITIONS.**

*[For text of subs 1 to 6, see M.S.1980]*

Subd. 7. **Livestock dealer.** "Livestock dealer" means any person, including a packing company, engaged in the business of buying or selling livestock for his or her own account or for the account of others.

"Livestock dealer" does not include:

(a) Persons licensed under section 28A.04 who are primarily engaged in the sale of meats at retail and persons operating as frozen food processing plants as defined in section 31.185; and

(b) Persons engaged in the business of farming, when purchasing livestock for breeding or herd replacement purposes or feeding programs, and when selling the livestock they have owned and raised, fed out or fattened for slaughter in their specific farming program.

*[For text of subs 8 to 12, see M.S.1980]*

**History:** 1981 c 54 s 2

**17A.04 LICENSES.**

*[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.1980]*

Subd. 5. **License fee.** The applicant shall submit to the commissioner the following applicable fee or fees: (1) \$120 for each livestock market agency and public stockyard license; (2) \$42 for each livestock dealer license; and (3) \$24 for each agent license.

*[For text of subs 6 to 8, see M.S.1980]*

**History:** 1981 c 356 s 257

**17A.14 PENALTIES.**

Any person, duly licensed or otherwise, who violates the provisions of sections 17A.01 to 17A.15, for which violation a penalty has not been specifically set out, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any subsequent violation is a gross misdemeanor.

**History:** 1981 c 54 s 3

**17A.16 INJUNCTIVE REMEDY.**

The operation of a livestock market agency or the buying or selling of livestock as a dealer by a person not licensed and bonded as required by this chapter may be enjoined by the district court on petition from the commissioner upon a showing that a person is engaged in the business of a livestock market agency or livestock dealer as defined in section 17A.03 without the license and bond required by this chapter. The court shall enjoin the person from further activities as a livestock market agency or livestock dealer until the license and bond have been properly obtained. It is not necessary to show that any individual has been injured by the actions complained of in order to obtain the issuance of the injunction. The injunctive relief provided by this section is an additional remedy to the criminal penalties provided in this chapter.

**History:** 1981 c 54 s 4