



AN ACT REVISING DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE STOCK INSPECTORS AND DEPUTY STOCK INSPECTORS; REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION, MARKET CONSIGNMENT PERMITS, AND TRANSPORTATION PERMITS BE MADE IN TRIPLICATE; AMENDING SECTION 81-3-203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 81-3-203, MCA, is amended to read:

"81-3-203. Duties of state stock inspectors and deputy stock inspectors. (1) State stock inspectors and deputy state stock inspectors, upon the application of the owner or the authorized agent of the owner of livestock, shall inspect livestock that are intended for sale, removal, shipment, or slaughter at a licensed slaughter plant and issue a certificate of inspection for the livestock if it appears with reasonable certainty that the applicant is the owner of the livestock or has the lawful right to possess the livestock.

(2) The inspection must include an examination of the livestock and all marks and brands on the livestock to identify ownership of the livestock. The certificate of inspection ~~must be made in triplicate and~~ must specify the date of inspection, the place of origin and place of destination of the shipment, the name and address of the owner of the livestock or of the applicant for inspection and the purchaser or transferee, if applicable, the class of the animal, the marks and brands, if any, on the animal, and any other information on the certificate that the department may require. ~~One~~A copy of the certificate must be retained by the inspector, ~~one~~a copy must be furnished by the inspector to the owner or shipper of the livestock, and ~~one~~a copy must be filed by the inspector with the department within 5 days.

(3) If it appears with reasonable certainty that the applicant is the owner of the livestock or has the lawful right to possess the livestock, the state stock inspectors or deputy state stock inspectors, upon application of an owner or the owner's agent of the livestock to be consigned and delivered directly to a

licensed livestock market or licensed livestock slaughterhouse located in another county of the state or delivered directly to a shipping point approved by the department where a livestock inspector is available for inspection in an adjoining county, shall issue to the person a separate market consignment permit or transportation permit for each owner when the owner or owners or their authorized agents sign the permit certifying the brands, description, and destination of the livestock. The market consignment permit or transportation permit ~~must be made in triplicate and~~ must specify the date and time issued, the place of origin and place of destination of the shipment, the name and address of the owner of the livestock and the name and address of the person actually transporting the livestock if different from the owner, the kind of livestock, the marks and brands, if any, on the livestock, a description of the vehicle or vehicles to be used to transport the livestock, including the license number of the vehicles, and any other information on the permit that the department may require. A permit issued is good for shipment within 36 hours from the date and time of issue. However, permits not used within this time limitation must be returned to the issuing officer to be canceled and to release the permittee from performance. ~~One~~A copy of the permit must be retained by the inspector, ~~one~~a copy must be filed by the inspector with the department within 5 days of the date of issue, and ~~one~~a copy must be furnished by the inspector to the owner or shipper of the livestock. The owner's or shipper's copy of the permit must accompany the shipment and be delivered to the state stock inspector at the livestock market or shipping point where the livestock are delivered.

(4) Upon application of an owner or the owner's agent, when it appears with reasonable certainty that the applicant is the owner of the livestock or has lawful right to possess the livestock, a state stock inspector shall issue a transportation permit that will allow the movement of the livestock for purposes of grazing. The transportation permit must state the breed, description, marks and brands, if any, head count, and description of land to and from which the livestock will be moved. The permit is valid as provided in and subject to 81-3-211(6)(e). A state stock inspector may enter the premises where livestock have been transported and inspect any livestock moved under the transportation permit or any livestock commingled with the transported livestock.

(5) A person transporting strays or livestock not lawfully under that person's control is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable as provided in 81-3-231."

Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 44, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 44

INTRODUCED BY J. DOOLING

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

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