

203C.13 Form and amount of evidence of financial responsibility.

1. A warehouse operator who stores only agricultural products other than bulk grain shall have and maintain a net worth of at least ten percent of the value of the warehouse capacity, or maintain a deficiency bond or an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of two thousand dollars for each one thousand dollars or fraction thereof of net worth deficiency. However, a person shall not be eligible for a license to store only agricultural products other than bulk grain if the person has a net worth of less than ten thousand dollars.

2. If the agricultural product or products intended to be stored by the warehouse operator, as specified in the application for a license or amended license, are other than bulk grain, the quantity of such product intended to be stored shall be valued at the fair market price on the date of filing the application, and the minimum amount of bond shall be determined with reference to such value as follows:

a. For intended storage of such products of a value less than twenty thousand dollars the minimum amount of the bond shall be three thousand dollars, plus one thousand dollars for each two thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, of value in excess of six thousand dollars up to twenty thousand dollars.

b. For intended storage of such products of a value not less than twenty thousand dollars and not more than fifty thousand dollars the minimum amount of the bond shall be ten thousand dollars plus one thousand dollars for each three thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, of value in excess of twenty thousand dollars up to fifty thousand dollars.

c. For intended storage of such products of a value not less than fifty thousand dollars the minimum amount of the bond shall be twenty thousand dollars plus one thousand dollars for each five thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, of value in excess of fifty thousand dollars.

3. A bond, deficiency bond, or irrevocable letter of credit on agricultural products other than bulk grain shall not be canceled by the issuer on less than one hundred twenty days' notice by certified mail to the department and the principal. When the department receives notice from an issuer that it has canceled the bond, deficiency bond, or irrevocable letter of credit on agricultural products other than bulk grain of a warehouse operator, the department shall automatically suspend the warehouse operator's authorization to store or accept for storage agricultural products other than bulk grain if a new bond, deficiency bond, or irrevocable letter of credit is not received by the department within sixty days of the issuance of the notice of cancellation. The department shall conduct an inspection of the licensee's warehouse immediately at the end of the sixty-day period. If a new bond, deficiency bond, or irrevocable letter of credit is not provided within ninety days of the issuance of the notice of cancellation, the department shall revoke the warehouse operator's authorization to store or accept for storage agricultural products other than bulk grain. The department shall conduct a further inspection of the licensee's warehouse after the ninety-day period. When an authorization to store or accept for storage agricultural products other than bulk grain is revoked, the department shall give notice of the revocation to all known persons who have agricultural products other than bulk grain in storage, and shall notify them that the agricultural products other than bulk grain must be removed from the warehouse not later than one hundred twenty days after the issuance of the notice of cancellation. The revocation notice shall be sent by ordinary mail to the last known address of each person having agricultural products other than bulk grain in storage. The department shall cause a final inspection of the licensee's warehouse after the end of the one hundred twenty-day period.

[C24, 27, 31, § 9725; C35, § 9751-g6; C39, § **9751.06**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 543.13]

86 Acts, ch 1006, § 5; 86 Acts, ch 1152, § 23, 24

C93, § 203C.13