

192.107 Milk or milk products permit.

A person who does not possess a permit issued by the department shall not bring, send, or receive into the state for sale, or sell, offer for sale, or store any milk or milk product as provided in this chapter and in chapters 190 and 191. However, the department may exempt from this requirement grocery stores, restaurants, soda fountains, or similar establishments where milk or a milk product is served or sold at retail, but not processed.

Only a person who complies with the requirements of this chapter and chapters 190 and 191 shall be entitled to receive and retain a permit from the department. Permits shall not be transferable with respect to persons or locations.

The department shall suspend a permit whenever there is reason to believe that a public health hazard exists, whenever the permit holder has violated any of the requirements of this chapter, chapter 190, or chapter 191, or whenever the permit holder has interfered with the department in the performance of its duties. However, where the milk or milk product involved creates, or appears to create, an imminent hazard to the public health, or in any case of a willful refusal to permit authorized inspection, the department shall serve upon the holder a written notice of intent to suspend the permit. The notice shall specify with particularity the violations in question and afford the holder such reasonable opportunity to correct such violations as may be agreed to by the parties, or in the absence of agreement, established by the secretary before making any order of suspension effective. A suspension of permit shall remain in effect until the violation has been corrected to the satisfaction of the department. As used in this section, the terms "*public health hazard*" and "*imminent hazard*" shall be defined by rules adopted by the department. The rules shall include examples of public health hazards and imminent hazards.

Upon written application of any person whose permit has been suspended, or upon application within forty-eight hours of any person who has been served with a notice of intention to suspend, and in the latter case before suspension, the department shall within seventy-two hours proceed to a hearing to ascertain the facts of such violation or interference and upon evidence presented at such hearing shall affirm, modify, or rescind the suspension or intention to suspend.

Upon repeated violation, the department may revoke a permit following reasonable notice to the permit holder and an opportunity for a hearing. This section is not intended to preclude the institution of a court action provided in this chapter, chapter 190, or chapter 191.

The provisions of this section are intended for the regulation of the production, processing, labeling, and distribution of grade "A" milk and grade "A" milk products under sanitary requirements which are uniform throughout the state.

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91 Acts, ch 74, § 13

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