

**177A.17 Duty of owner — assessment of costs.**

When treatment or destruction of an agricultural or horticultural plant or product, in field, feedlot, place of assemblage or storage, or elsewhere, or when a special type of plowing or any other agricultural or horticultural operation is required under the rules, the owner or person having charge of the plants, plant products or places, upon due notice from the state entomologist or the entomologist's authorized agents, shall take the action required within the time and in the manner designated by the notice. If the owner or person in charge refuses or neglects to obey the notice, the secretary of agriculture, or the secretary's authorized agents, may do what is required, and the secretary shall assess the expense to the owner after giving the owner legal notice and a hearing. No expense other than that incidental to normal and usual farm operations shall be so assessed. If the assessment is not paid, the secretary shall certify it to the treasurer of the proper county who shall enter it on the tax books and collect it as ordinary taxes are collected and remit it to the secretary.

[S13, §2575-a48; C24, §4055, 4056; C27, 31, 35, §4062-b17; C39, §**4062.17**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, §267.17; C75, 77, 79, 81, §177A.17; [81 Acts, ch 70, §3](#)]

Referred to in [§177A.7](#), [177A.19](#), [331.559](#)