

189A.3 License — fee.

1. *a.* A person shall not operate an establishment without first obtaining a license from the department.

b. Paragraph “*a*” does not apply to any of the following:

(1) A food establishment as defined in [section 137F.1](#).

(2) A person who slaughters, processes, or prepares livestock or poultry of the person’s own raising, exclusively for the person’s household, nonpaying guests, or nonpaying employees.

2. The license fee for each establishment per year or any part of a year shall be:

a. For all meat and poultry slaughtered or otherwise prepared not exceeding twenty thousand pounds per year for sale, resale, or custom, twenty-five dollars.

b. For all meat and poultry slaughtered or otherwise prepared in excess of twenty thousand pounds per year for sale, resale, or custom, fifty dollars.

3. The moneys shall be deposited with the department. The license year shall be from July 1 to June 30. Applications for licenses shall be in writing on forms prescribed by the department.

4. It is the objective of [this chapter](#) to provide for meat and poultry products inspection programs that will impose and enforce requirements with respect to intrastate operations and commerce that are at least equal to those imposed and enforced under the federal Meat Inspection Act and the federal Poultry Products Inspection Act with respect to operations and transactions in interstate commerce; and the secretary is directed to administer [this chapter](#) so as to accomplish this purpose. A director of the meat and poultry inspection service shall be designated as the secretary’s delegate to be the appropriate state official to cooperate with the secretary of agriculture of the United States in administration of [this chapter](#).

[C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §189A.3]

[98 Acts, ch 1162, §26, 30; 2009 Acts, ch 41, §263; 2022 Acts, ch 1016, §1](#)

Referred to in [§137F.1](#), [189A.5](#), [189A.7](#)