

**137F.4 License required.**

1. A person shall not operate a food establishment or food processing plant to provide goods or services to the general public, or open a food establishment to the general public, until the appropriate license has been obtained from the regulatory authority. Sale of products at wholesale to outlets not owned by a commissary owner requires a food processing plant license. A license shall expire one year from the date of issue. A license is renewable if application for renewal is made prior to expiration of the license or within sixty days of the expiration date of the license. All licenses issued under [this chapter](#) that are not renewed by the licensee on or before the expiration date shall be subject to a penalty of ten percent per month of the license fee if the license is renewed at a later date.

2. A regulatory authority shall not suspend or revoke a license issued to a food processing plant under [this chapter](#) for offering for sale or selling a food product that is misbranded as a meat product in violation of [section 137E.4](#).

3. A license issued to a food processing plant under [this section](#) also covers the operation of a food processing plant under [chapter 137E](#).

[98 Acts, ch 1162, §9, 30; 2018 Acts, ch 1144, §11, 16; 2024 Acts, ch 1158, §10](#)

Referred to in [§135.16A, 137F.4A](#)