

**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 home food processing establishment as defined in [section 137D.1](#).

(3) 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. *a.* The license fee for each establishment shall be as follows:

(1) For all meat and poultry slaughtered or otherwise prepared not exceeding twenty thousand pounds per year for sale, resale, or custom, fifty dollars.

(2) For all meat and poultry slaughtered or otherwise prepared in excess of twenty thousand pounds per year for sale, resale, or custom, one hundred dollars.

*b.* A license fee collected by the department shall be retained by the department as appropriated receipts for administration of [this chapter](#).

3. *a.* A license shall expire on July 1 of each odd-numbered year.

*b.* An application for a license shall be in writing on a form prescribed by the department. [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; 2025 Acts, ch 134, §41](#)

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