

CHAPTER 168

BABY CHICKS

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168.1 Definitions.

For the purpose of [this chapter](#):

1. “*Baby chicks*” shall mean all domestic fowls six weeks of age or under.
2. “*Person*” shall include an individual, partnership, a corporation, company, firm, society, association, community sales, public sale pavilions, or other holders of public auctions any place in the state, operating in the state, but the term “*person*” shall not be construed to include any person who hatches for sale one thousand chicks per year or less; and the act, omission, or conduct of any officer, agent or other person acting in a representative capacity may be imputed to the organization or person represented, and the person acting in such capacity shall also be liable for violation of [this chapter](#).

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §168.1]

[86 Acts, ch 1245, §21](#)

Referred to in [§10D.1](#)

Further definitions; see [§159.1](#)

168.2 License of dealers.

Every person engaged in the business of custom hatching, producing baby chicks for sale in this state, or of selling or offering for sale baby chicks from any place located in this state shall obtain a license from the department for each establishment at which said business is conducted. Applications for such licenses shall be made upon blanks furnished by the department and shall conform to the prescribed rules of the department.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §168.2]

Referred to in [§168.3](#)

168.3 License fee and expiration.

The fee for obtaining a license issued under [section 168.2](#) shall be twenty dollars and each such license shall expire on the second July 1 after the date of issue.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §168.3]

[2017 Acts, ch 159, §27, 56](#)

168.4 Disposal of fees.

All fees collected under the provisions of [this chapter](#) shall be paid into the state treasury.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §168.4]

168.5 Requirements of dealers.

All establishments licensed under [this chapter](#) shall:

1. Before baby chicks are delivered for sale, determine that the same are in a healthy condition.
2. Provide ample facilities for the proper care and handling of baby chicks on the premises.
3. Maintain sanitary measures such as will properly suppress and prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases of baby chicks.
4. When selling or delivering baby chicks to a purchaser in the state, place the same in a box, crate, coop, or other sanitary container for delivery. Each such box, crate, coop, or other container shall be plainly labeled with the name of seller and description of contents. Such description of contents shall include name of breed and variety, percent of guarantee

if chicks are sold as sexed chicks, date of hatch, number of chicks, and any tests made on parent stock.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §168.5]

Referred to in [§168.6](#)

168.6 Inspection.

All establishments licensed under [this chapter](#) shall be subject to inspection by the department to determine that the requirements of [section 168.5](#) are fully met. The failure to comply with [section 168.5](#) or any of the provisions thereof shall constitute a violation of [this chapter](#).

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §168.6]

168.7 Administration of chapter.

The secretary of agriculture shall be charged with administration and enforcement of [this chapter](#).

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §168.7]

168.8 Penalty.

Any person who violates any provision of [this chapter](#) shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

[C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §168.8]

[2017 Acts, ch 29, §47](#)