

ANIMAL INDUSTRY ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 466 of 1988

287.714 Seizure, slaughter, destruction, or other disposition of livestock or domestic animals; notice; disposal of animals, animal products, and animal feeds; indemnification; appraisals and inventories; records; affidavit; appraisal certificate; annual budget; release of claim against state; applicability of right to indemnity; cleaning and disinfecting premises; repopulation of premises; cooperating and coordinating with secretary of agriculture; reports.

Sec. 14. (1) If the director determines that the control or eradication of a disease or condition of livestock warrants entry onto property where livestock or domestic animals are located, the director shall order the entry onto property where livestock or domestic animals are located and authorize seizure, slaughter, destruction, or other disposition of individual livestock or domestic animals or the entire herd, flock, or school. If the director has signed an order for the slaughter, destruction, or other disposition of livestock or domestic animals, the director shall notify the attorney general and the house and senate appropriations committees and the department of management and budget on the issue of indemnity under this section. The director may approve facilities and procedures for the orderly disposal of animals, animal products, and animal feeds for the purpose of controlling or preventing the spread of an infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease. The director may select a site or method for the disposal with the advice of the director of the department of environmental quality.

(2) The director may, under rules promulgated by the department, allow indemnification for the slaughter, destruction, or other disposition of livestock or domestic animals due to livestock diseases or toxicological contamination. If the director has signed an order for the slaughter, destruction, or other disposition of livestock or domestic animals, the owner may apply for indemnification. The director shall appraise and inventory the condemned livestock or domestic animals. The appraisals and inventories shall be on forms approved by the director. The director shall use agricultural pricing information from commercial livestock or domestic animal auction markets and other livestock or domestic animal market information as determined by the director to determine the value of condemned livestock or domestic animals.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), indemnification for individual livestock or domestic animals within a herd, flock, or school shall be based upon 100% of the fair market value of that type of livestock or domestic animal on the date of the appraisal and marketable for the purpose for which the livestock or domestic animal was intended, not to exceed \$4,000.00 for each livestock or domestic animal. The appraisal determination shall not delay the slaughter, destruction, or disposition of the livestock or domestic animals. The indemnification amount under this subsection shall include a deduction for any compensation received, or to be received, from any other source including, but not limited to, indemnification by the United States department of agriculture, insurance, salvage value, or any monetary value obtained to encourage disposal of infected or exposed livestock or domestic animals in accordance with a disease control or eradication program. The owner shall furnish to the department all records indicating other sources of indemnity. An affidavit signed by the owner attesting to the amount of compensation for the livestock received or to be received from any other source shall accompany the appraisal certificate before indemnification under this section.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5), indemnification for entire herd, flock, or school depopulations of livestock or domestic animals shall be based upon 100% of the fair market value of that type of animal on the date of the appraisal and marketable for the purpose for which the livestock or domestic animal was intended, not to exceed an average of \$4,000.00 per animal in the flock, herd, or school. The appraisal determination shall not delay depopulation. The indemnification amount under this section shall include a deduction for any compensation received, or to be received, from any other source including, but not limited to, indemnification by the United States department of agriculture, insurance, salvage value, or any monetary value obtained to encourage disposal of infected or exposed livestock or domestic animals in accordance with a disease control or eradication program. The owner shall furnish to the department all records indicating other sources of indemnity. An affidavit signed by the owner attesting to the amount of compensation for the livestock or domestic animals received, or to be received, from any other source shall accompany the appraisal certificate prior to indemnification under this section.

(5) The department may provide for indemnity pursuant to this section not to exceed \$100,000.00 per order, from any line item in the annual budget for the department in the applicable fiscal year. Any agreement greater than \$100,000.00 entered into between the department and an owner of livestock shall contain a provision indicating that, notwithstanding the terms of the agreement, indemnification shall be subject to

specific appropriations by the legislature and not be paid from department funds.

(6) Acceptance of compensation under this act constitutes a full and complete release of any claim the owner has against the state of Michigan, its departments, agencies, officers, employees, agents, and contractors to the extent these persons were acting on behalf of the state, within the scope of their employment with the state or under the direction of the state, its departments, agencies, officers, or employees, arising out of testing, purchase, removal, slaughter, destruction, and other disposition of the owner's animals.

(7) The right to indemnity from the state for animals condemned and ordered slaughtered, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of by the director applies only to native livestock and native domestic animals. Indemnification shall not apply to livestock or domestic animals determined by the department to be imported without meeting import requirements such as official interstate health certificate or official interstate certificate of veterinary inspection, required testing, required vaccination, or for livestock or domestic animals determined by the department to have been illegally moved within this state. An owner is not entitled to indemnity from the state for an animal that comes into the possession of the owner with the owner's knowledge that the animal is diseased or is suspected of having been exposed to an infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease. In addition, the director shall not indemnify an owner for animals that have been exposed to an animal that comes in to the possession of the owner with the owner's knowledge that the animal is diseased or is suspected of having been exposed to an infectious, contagious, or toxicological disease.

(8) A premises that has been depopulated shall be cleaned and disinfected as prescribed by the director.

(9) Repopulation of the premises, except as approved by the director, shall not confer eligibility for future indemnity under this section.

(10) The department may cooperate and coordinate with the secretary of the United States department of agriculture or the secretary's authorized representative or other governmental departments or agencies regarding indemnification under this section.

(11) Not less than annually, within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year, the director shall make a written report to the standing committees of the house of representatives and senate having jurisdiction on agricultural and farming issues. The report will include the following:

(a) The amount expended by the department for bovine tuberculosis eradication during the preceding fiscal year.

(b) An explanation of the expenditures made by the department for bovine tuberculosis eradication during the preceding fiscal year.

(c) The status of bovine tuberculosis eradication efforts in Michigan.

(12) Not less than annually, within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year, the director of the department of natural resources shall make a written report to the standing committees of the house of representatives and senate having jurisdiction on agricultural and farming issues. The report will include the following:

(a) The amount expended by the department of natural resources for bovine tuberculosis eradication during the preceding fiscal year.

(b) An explanation of the expenditures made by the department of natural resources for bovine tuberculosis eradication during the preceding fiscal year.

History: 1988, Act 466, Eff. Mar. 28, 1989;—Am. 1990, Act 40, Imd. Eff. Mar. 29, 1990;—Am. 1994, Act 41, Imd. Eff. Mar. 14, 1994;—Am. 1996, Act 369, Imd. Eff. July 3, 1996;—Am. 1998, Act 552, Imd. Eff. Jan. 27, 1999;—Am. 2000, Act 323, Imd. Eff. Oct. 31, 2000;—Am. 2002, Act 458, Imd. Eff. June 21, 2002.

Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties of department of natural resources and environment to department of natural resources, see E.R.O. No. 2011-1, compiled at MCL 324.99921.