

ANIMAL INDUSTRY ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 466 of 1988

287.709 Animal affected with reportable disease or contaminated with toxic substance; moving restrictions and requirements; designation of high risk areas; exemption; conduct of bovine tuberculosis testing.

Sec. 9. (1) A person who discovers, suspects, or has reason to believe that an animal is either affected by a reportable disease or contaminated with a toxic substance shall immediately report that fact, suspicion, or belief to the director. The director shall take appropriate action to investigate the report. A person possessing an animal affected by, or suspected of being affected by, a reportable disease or contaminated with a toxic substance shall allow the director to examine the animal or collect diagnostic specimens. The director may enter premises where animals, animal products, or animal feeds are suspected of being contaminated with an infectious or contagious disease, or a disease caused by a toxic substance and seize or impound the animal products or feed located on the premises. The director may withhold a certain amount of animal products or feed for the purpose of controlled research and testing. A person who knowingly possesses or harbors affected or suspected animals shall not expose other animals to the affected or suspected animals or otherwise move the affected or suspected animals or animals under quarantine except with permission from the director.

(2) A person owning animals shall provide reasonable assistance to the director during the examination and necessary testing procedures.

(3) The director may call upon a law enforcement agency to assist in enforcing the director's quarantines, orders, or any other provisions of this act.

(4) A person shall not remove or alter the official identification of an animal. A person shall not misrepresent an animal's identity or the ownership of an animal. A person shall not misrepresent the animal's health status to a potential buyer.

(5) The director shall devise and implement a program to compensate livestock owners for livestock that die, are injured, or need to be destroyed for humane reasons due to injury occurring while the livestock are undergoing mandatory or required testing for a reportable disease.

(6) Any medical or epidemiological information that identifies the owners of animals and is gathered in connection with the reporting of a discovery, suspicion, or reason to believe that an animal is either affected by a reportable disease or contaminated with a toxic substance, or information gathered in connection with an investigation of the reporting of a discovery, suspicion, or reason to believe that an animal is affected by a reportable disease or contaminated with a toxic substance is confidential, is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, and is not open to public inspection without the individual's consent unless public inspection is necessary to protect the public or animal health as determined by the director. Such medical or epidemiological information that is released to a legislative body shall not contain information that identifies a specific owner.

(7) As used in subsections (8) to (10):

(a) "Disease free zone" means any area in the state with defined dimensions determined by the department in consultation with the United States department of agriculture to be free of bovine tuberculosis in livestock.

(b) "Infected zone" means any area in the state with defined dimensions in which bovine tuberculosis is present in livestock and separated from the disease free zone by a surveillance zone as determined by the department in consultation with the United States department of agriculture.

(c) "Official intrastate health certificate or official intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection" means a printed form adopted by the department and completed and issued by an accredited veterinarian that documents an animal's point of origin, point of destination, official identification, and any required official test results.

(d) "Prior movement permit" means prior documented permission given by the director before movement of livestock.

(e) "Surveillance zone" means any area in the state with defined dimensions that is located adjacent and contiguous to an infected zone as determined by the department in consultation with the United States department of agriculture.

(8) The director may develop, implement, and enforce scientifically based movement restrictions and requirements including official bovine tuberculosis test requirements, prior movement permits, official intrastate health certificates or animal movement certificates to accompany movement of animals, and official identification of animals for movement between or within a disease free zone, surveillance zone, and an infected zone, or any combination of those zones.

(9) The department shall comply with the following procedures before issuing zoning requirements described in subsection (8) that assure public notice and opportunity for public comment:

(a) Develop scientifically based zoning requirements with advice and consultation from the livestock industry and veterinary profession.

(b) Place the proposed zoning requirements on the commission of agriculture agenda at least 1 month before final review and order by the director. During the 1-month period described in this subdivision, written comments may be submitted to the director and the director shall hold at least 1 public forum within the affected areas.

(c) Place the proposed zoning requirements at least 1 month before implementation in a newspaper of each county within the proposed zoning requirement area and at least 2 newspapers having circulation outside of the proposed zoning requirement area.

(10) The director may revise or rescind movement restrictions and other requirements described in subsection (8), pursuant to this section, and any revision or revocation of such movement restrictions or other requirements shall comply with the procedure set forth in subsection (9) unless the revision does not alter the boundary of a previously established zone.

(11) As used in subsections (12) to (32):

(a) "High-risk area" means an area designated by the director where bovine tuberculosis has been diagnosed in livestock.

(b) "Intrastate movement" means movement from 1 premises to another within this state. Intrastate movement does not include the movement of livestock from 1 premises within the state directly to another premises within the state when both premises are a part of the same livestock operation under common ownership and both premises are directly interrelated as part of the same livestock operation. Except that when intrastate movement causes livestock to cross from 1 zone into another zone, livestock must meet the testing requirements for their zone of origin.

(c) "Potential high-risk area" means an area determined by the director in which bovine tuberculosis has been diagnosed in wild animals only.

(d) "Whole herd" means any isolated group of cattle, privately owned cervids, or goats maintained on common ground for any purpose, or 2 or more groups of cattle, privately owned cervids, or goats under common ownership or supervision geographically separated but that have an interchange or movement of cattle, privately owned cervids, or goats without regard to health status as determined by the director.

(e) "Whole herd test" means a test of any isolated group of cattle or privately owned cervids 12 months of age and older or goats 6 months of age and older maintained on common ground for any purpose; 2 or more groups of cattle, goats, or privately owned cervids under common ownership or supervision geographically separated but that have an interchange or movement of cattle, goats, or privately owned cervids without regard to health status as determined by the director; or any other test of an isolated group of livestock considered a whole herd test by the director.

(12) This section does not exempt dairy herds from being tested in the manner provided for by grade "A" pasteurized milk ordinance, 2001 revision of the United States public health service/food and drug administration, with administrative procedures and appendices, set forth in the public health service/food and drug administration publication no. 229, and the provisions of the 1995 grade "A" condensed and dry milk products and condensed and dry whey-supplement I to the grade "A" pasteurized milk ordinance, 2001 revisions, and all amendments to those publications thereafter adopted pursuant to the rules that the director may promulgate.

(13) The director may establish high-risk areas and potential high-risk areas based upon scientifically based epidemiology. The director shall notify the commission of agriculture and publish public notice in a newspaper of each county with general circulation in any area designated as a high-risk or potential high-risk area.

(14) All cattle and goat herds located in high-risk areas shall be whole herd bovine tuberculosis tested at least once per year. After the first whole herd bovine tuberculosis test, testing shall occur between 10 and 14 months from the anniversary date of the first test. This section does not prevent whole herd testing by the owner or by department mandate at shorter intervals. When 36 months of testing fails to disclose a newly affected herd within the high-risk area or any portion of the high-risk area, the director shall remove the high-risk area designation from all or part of that area.

(15) Terminal operations located in high-risk areas in this state are exempt from the requirements of subsection (14) and shall be monitored by a written surveillance plan approved by the director.

(16) All cattle and goat herds located in potential high-risk areas shall be whole herd bovine tuberculosis tested within 6 months after the director has established a potential high-risk area or have a written herd plan with a targeted whole herd bovine tuberculosis testing date. When all herds meet the testing requirements imposed in this subsection, the director shall remove the potential high-risk area designation.

(17) Terminal operations located in potential high-risk areas in this state are exempt from the requirements

of subsection (16) and may be monitored by a written surveillance plan approved by the director.

(18) Each owner of any privately owned cervid herd within a high-risk area shall cause an annual whole herd bovine tuberculosis test to be conducted on all privately owned cervids 12 months of age and older within the herd and all cattle and goats 6 months of age and older in contact with the cervids. Following the initial annual whole herd test, subsequent whole herd tests shall be completed at 9- to 15-month intervals. This section does not prevent whole herd testing by the owner or by department mandate at shorter intervals.

(19) Each owner of any privately owned cervid ranch within a high-risk area may elect to undergo a tuberculosis slaughter surveillance plan approved by the director in lieu of the annual whole herd testing. This slaughter surveillance plan must include examination of animals removed from the herd for detection of tuberculosis. Examination must be performed by a state or federal veterinarian or accredited veterinarian. The number to be examined at each testing interval shall include adult animals and must be equal to the amount necessary to establish an official tuberculosis monitored herd as defined in the bovine tuberculosis eradication uniform methods and rules, effective January 22, 1999, and all amendments to those publications thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate.

(20) All cattle and goat herds, except livestock assembled at feedlots where all animals are fed for slaughter before 24 months of age, that are located in any area outside a high-risk area or a potential high-risk area in this state shall be whole herd bovine tuberculosis tested between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2003. Privately owned cervid herds located in the non-high-risk areas or potential high-risk areas shall be tested per sections 30c and 30d. The director may order testing for any reportable disease in any geographical area or in any herd to accomplish surveillance necessary for the state of Michigan to participate in the national tuberculosis eradication program, to complete epidemiologic investigations for any reportable disease, or in any instance where a reportable disease is suspected. The director may establish a surveillance testing program for cattle and goats to replace the testing protocol and meet the intrastate movement requirements under subsections (22) and (23). A person shall not sell or offer for sale, move, or transfer any livestock that originate from a herd or area under order for testing by the director unless the livestock have met the requirements of the order issued under this subsection. If a person does not cause a herd to be tested in compliance with this order, the director shall notify the person responsible for management of the herd of the necessity for testing to occur and the deadline for testing to occur and shall quarantine any herd that has not been tested until such time as the testing can be completed by state or federal regulatory veterinarians or accredited veterinarians.

(21) Terminal operations and privately owned cervid premises located in any area outside a high-risk area or a potential high-risk area in this state may be exempted from subsection (18) and may be monitored by a written surveillance plan approved by the director.

(22) Subject to subsection (24), cattle and goats originating in an area not designated as a high-risk area moving intrastate shall meet at least 1 of the following until the zone, area, or the entirety of the state from which they originate receives tuberculosis-free status from the United States department of agriculture or under other circumstances as approved by the director:

(a) Originate directly from a herd that has received an official negative whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within the 24 months before the intrastate movement.

(b) Has received an individual official negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days before the intrastate movements.

(c) Has originated directly from an accredited bovine tuberculosis-free herd as defined in title 9 of the code of federal regulations and the bovine tuberculosis eradication: uniform methods and rules, effective January 22, 1999, approved by veterinary services of the United States department of agriculture, and all amendments to those publications thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate.

(23) Subject to subsection (24), cattle and goats originating in a high-risk area that move intrastate shall meet at least 1 of the following until the zone, area, or the entirety of the state from which they originate is no longer designated as a high-risk area by the director or under other circumstances as approved by the director:

(a) Originate directly from a herd that has received an official negative whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within the 12 months before the intrastate movement.

(b) Has received an individual official negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days before the intrastate movements.

(c) Has originated directly from an accredited bovine tuberculosis-free herd as defined in title 9 of the code of federal regulations and the bovine tuberculosis eradication: uniform methods and rules effective January 22, 1999, approved by veterinary services of the United States department of agriculture, and all amendments to those publications thereafter adopted pursuant to rules that the director may promulgate.

(24) Cattle and goats not meeting subsection (22) or (23) may be sold through a livestock auction market for slaughter only. Slaughter must occur within 5 days after the sale. The buyer of livestock sold for slaughter

shall provide verification that the slaughter occurred within 5 days after sale upon request of the director. Failure of a buyer of livestock sold for slaughter to comply with this subsection subjects that buyer to the penalties and sanctions of this act.

(25) Privately owned cervids moving intrastate shall meet requirements under section 30b.

(26) Bovine tuberculosis testing required under this section shall be an official test. Accredited veterinarians under contract and approved under this subsection may be paid by the department for testing services. Approved veterinarians paid by the department or the United States department of agriculture for bovine tuberculosis testing required by this section must attend an initial bovine tuberculosis educational seminar approved by the director.

(27) Bovine tuberculosis testing shall be conducted by the department, United States department of agriculture, or accredited veterinarians.

(28) Individual livestock that have been injected and are undergoing bovine tuberculosis testing shall not be removed from the premises where the test is administered until the test is read except as permitted by the director.

(29) With advice and consultation from the livestock industry and veterinary profession, the director shall pay to a producer for assistance approved by the Michigan commission of agriculture for whole herd bovine tuberculosis testing required in subsections (14), (16), (18), and (20).

(30) The director shall pay to an operator or owner of a livestock auction market on a 50/50 cost share basis for chutes, gates, and remodeling to expedite identification of livestock for bovine tuberculosis surveillance and eradication.

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