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## CHAPTER 205

## POULTRY

Sec.

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**§ 1401. License for buyers and sellers of poultry**

Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of buying or selling live poultry, the meat or product of which is to be sold or used for food, except such person, firm or corporation that raises the poultry by himself or itself or his or its agents, shall annually apply for a license to the commissioner or his duly authorized agent upon a form to be prescribed by the commissioner. Said commissioner or his duly authorized agent may make suitable rules and regulations governing such licenses. The fee for such licenses shall be fixed by the commissioner but shall not exceed the sum of \$2, and such licenses shall be issued for the period of one year and may be revoked for cause. If, in the judgment of the commissioner or his duly authorized agent, any provision of this section or any rule and regulation made thereunder, appears to have been violated by any licensee, the commissioner or his duly authorized agent shall send a notice by registered mail to the licensee, giving reasonable notice of a hearing to be held at such time and place as the commissioner or his duly authorized agent may determine. If the commissioner or his duly authorized agent is satisfied that the licensee has violated any of the provisions of this section or any of the said rules and regulations, he shall revoke the license. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, for each offense.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 127.

**§ 1402. Transportation of poultry**

No person, firm or corporation shall transport poultry from place to place within this State upon any way unless possessed of a license duly issued by the commissioner or his duly authorized agent. This section shall not apply to the transportation of

dressed poultry by merchants, the transportation of live or dressed poultry by the actual producer, the transportation of poultry by householders for immediate consumption, the transportation of live poultry for egg production or breeding purposes or the transportation of poultry by common carriers or contract carriers under the authority of the Public Utilities Commission or interstate carriers operating under authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 128.

**§ 1403. Bills of lading**

All live and dressed poultry, transported by common carriers that are exempt from being licensed under section 1402, must be accompanied by a bill of lading, signed statement by the consignor or bill of sale giving the name and address of the consignor and name of consignee and place of delivery. A copy of such bill of lading, statement or bill of sale must be kept on file by the common carrier for a period of 6 months. The consignor must be known by the agent or representative of the common carrier or be properly identified before the consignment of poultry is received by him.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 129.

**§ 1404. Records**

No person, firm or corporation shall purchase any dressed poultry for resale without keeping a record, in duplicate on forms furnished by the department, of the transaction, which record shall include the date, description, identifying marks of such poultry if any and the name and automobile registration number if any of the seller, one copy of which said record shall be sent by mail the same day on which the purchase was made to the Chief of the State Police.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 130.

**§ 1405. Application of other provisions**

The provisions of this Title relating to the regulations of cattle for the prevention of disease, including the duties and powers of the commissioner, the obligations imposed on owners and the penalties imposed for nonconformity thereto shall apply in the same manner to poultry.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 132.

**§ 1406. Penalties**

Whoever violates any of the provisions of sections 1402, 1403 or 1404 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, for the first offense, and shall, for the 2nd and subsequent offenses, be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than 6 months, or by both.

R.S.1954, c. 32, § 131.