

CHAPTER 31

(HB 247)

AN ACT relating to hay.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 260.033 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Department of Agriculture shall promote the sale of hay produced in the state by ~~operating, maintaining, and~~ administering a standard grading program for evaluating hay *quality*.
- (2) The department shall, after consultation with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and associations actively involved in promoting the sale of hay within the state, promulgate *administrative regulations establishing quality standards and procedures* for grading ~~marking, weighing, storing, transporting, and harvesting~~ hay, *and* ~~These standards~~ shall promote the sale of hay ~~by standardizing the quality and quantity of the hay~~ produced by participants in the department's standard grading program.
- ~~(3) The department shall undertake such measures as are appropriate to aid, encourage, foster, and promote the sale, development, and improvement of hay produced in the state which has been graded by a department standard grading program.~~
- ~~(4) The department shall employ persons necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.~~
- ~~(5) The department shall administer the provisions of this section and shall promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the provisions of this section. The department shall conduct examinations, inspections, or hearings necessary for the proper administration of this standard grading program. All authorized hearings shall be conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.~~
- ~~(6) The department shall collect a reasonable fee for grading services provided to a participant in the standard grading program. However, the fee shall not exceed ten dollars (\$10) per sample graded by the department's employees. All fees collected under the provisions of this section shall be credited to the department for use in carrying out the standard grading program.]~~

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