

AN ACT relating to agriculture.

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

➔Section 1. KRS 253.010 is amended to read as follows:

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) ~~["Animal" means any cattle, horse or mule;~~

~~(2)]~~ "Board" means the State Board of Agriculture;

~~(2)]~~~~(3)]~~ "Brand" means a permanent identification mark of which the letters, numbers and figures used are each three (3) inches or more in length or diameter and are humanly burned into the hide of a live animal with a hot iron or tattoo or caustic chemical substance and is to be considered in relation to its location on the animal and the term relates to both the mark and location;

~~(3)]~~~~(4)]~~ "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture;

(4) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture;

(5) "Livestock" means any cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, llamas, buffaloes, or any other animals of the bovine, ovine, porcine, caprine, equine, or camelid species~~horse or mule~~; and

(6) "Mark" means a permanent cut identification from the ear of a live animal.

➔Section 2. KRS 253.070 is amended to read as follows:

Any peace officer of the state may order funds derived from the sale of livestock~~an animal~~ of questionable ownership held until ownership is established. If ownership is not established within thirty (30) days, the person holding the funds shall remit them to the board, which shall hold the funds for one (1) year. If the title to the livestock~~animal~~ in question is not ascertained, then the funds shall be deposited in and become a part of the ~~State~~ department ~~of Agriculture~~ trust fund.

➔Section 3. KRS 253.130 is amended to read as follows:

Any person who knowingly places upon any livestock a mark or brand which has not been registered with the board shall, if such mark or brand duplicates one that is

registered with the board, be guilty of a misdemeanor. Such duplication shall be the use of a similar brand, used in any position on the livestock~~[animal]~~ designated for the use of a registered brand, such as the neck, shoulder, rib or hip.