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CHAPTER 573

AN ACT to create 100.025 of the statutes, relating to identification of dairy calves purchased by livestock dealers and market operators, and increasing the appropriation in 20.140 (1) of the statutes.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The appropriation in 20.140 (1) of the statutes, as affected by the laws of 1959, is increased by adding the following amounts:

| | | 1959-60 | 1960-61 |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Agriculture, department of | 20.140 | | |
| General administration | (1) | (\$5,148) | (\$7,056) |
| Personal services, bonus | | S 693 | S 924 |
| Personal services, basic | | 3,555 | 4,932 |
| Materials and expense | | 900 | 1,200 |

SECTION 2. 100.025 of the statutes is created to read:

100.025 CLASSIFICATION OF DAIRY CALVES. (1) Every livestock dealer and market operator licensed under s. 95.70 shall classify all dairy calves which he ships, delivers for shipment or sells, to other than a slaughterer. Classification and identification shall be made as prescribed herein at the time and place he receives possession of such calves. As used herein "dairy calves" mean female bovine animals under 4 months of age of any generally recognized dairy breed or a mixture of such breeds.

(2) (a) Dairy calves suitable for dairy and breeding purposes shall be classified as follows:

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Specifications</u> |
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| AA | Herd of origin designated. Eligible for registry as purebred animal. |
| A | Herd of origin designated. Proof of sire and dam. Characteristic breed markings. |
| B | Herd of origin designated. |

(b) Only healthy dairy calves shall be eligible for classification. Calves showing any evidence of disease may be moved only under a permit from the department under s. 95.19.

(c) All dairy calves so classified shall be identified by the livestock dealer or market operator with a distinctive ear tag in a manner prescribed by the department and shall be accompanied by a written certificate of the owner of the herd of origin of the calves showing conformance of the calves to the above class specifications. Calves not accompanied by such certificate shall not be eligible for classification as dairy or breeding animals and shall be permanently branded or marked, as slaughter calves, in a manner approved by the department, at the time and place they are received by the dealer or market operator.

(3) Every livestock dealer and market operator shall maintain, for at least one year, a copy of each herd owner's certificate received by him, and a record of the name and address of each person to whom dairy calves classified as provided in sub: (2) (a) are sold, the date of each such sale, and the identification tag numbers and classifications of the calves sold.

(4) Ear tags for dairy calves shall be furnished to dealers and market operators by the department at cost. They shall bear a distinctive

serial number. No person shall possess or use ear tags which have not been issued to him by the department, or ear tags which are a counterfeit thereof.

(5) No person shall falsely execute any herd owner's certificate or falsely represent the identity or classification of any dairy calves provided for in this section.

SECTION 3. SECTION 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 1960.

Approved October 26, 1959.
