HOUSE BILL No. 2478

By Committee on Agriculture

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AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to the Kansas department of agriculture; activities requiring a live plant dealer's license; license renewal dates and late fees; amending K.S.A. 47-1208 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 2-2120, 2-2440, 2-2440b, 2-2905, 36-505, 47-1001e, 47-1503, 47-1805, 47-2101 and 65-691 and repealing the existing sections.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 2-2120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2120. (a) Every live plant dealer, before-selling or offering for sale or delivering any live plants in this state, engaging in the business of a live plant dealer, as defined in K.S.A. 2-2113(f), and amendments thereto, shall procure from the secretary a live plant dealer's license for each location from which such live plant dealer engages in business as a live plant dealer.

- (b) Application for such license shall be made on a form furnished by the secretary. The fee for each application shall be fixed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, except that such fee shall not exceed \$80, excluding the plant pest emergency fee, authorized pursuant to K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 2-2129, and amendments thereto.
- (c) A live plant dealer shall not be required to obtain a license if such live plant dealer does not import or export plants into or from the state and the annual gross receipts of such live plant dealer's business is less than \$10.000.
- (d) Such live plant dealer's license shall expire on January 31, following date of issue.
- (e) Payment of a late fee equal to 40% of the current application fee shall be assessed to every live plant dealer that fails to renew such license prior to February 1 of each year and that engages in the business of a live plant dealer.
- (f) A live plant dealer may only engage in the live plant business with live plants which that are:
- (1) In compliance with all quarantines and regulated nonquarantine pest freedom standards established by the secretary; or
 - (2) accompanied by a valid certificate of inspection of a federal inspector or inspector of another state stating that such live plants comply with all applicable quarantines and regulated nonquarantine pest freedom

standards.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 2-2440 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2440. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d), it is unlawful for any pesticide business—which that has not been issued a pesticide business license to:

- (1) Advertise, offer for sale, sell or perform any service for the control of a pest on the property of another or apply a pesticide to the property of another within this state; or
- (2) perform any service for the control of a pest or apply any pesticide on or at the premises of another person under any commission, division of receipts or subcontracting arrangement with a licensed pesticide business.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require the licensing of any person applying restricted use pesticides to the property of another as a certified private applicator or under the supervision of a certified private applicator.

- (b) Application for a pesticide business license or renewal shall be made on a form obtained from the secretary and shall be accompanied by an application fee per category in which the licensee applies, and an additional fee for each uncertified individual employed by the applicant to apply pesticides. The application fee per category shall be \$140 per category in which the licensee applies, except that on and after July 1, 2023, the application fee per category shall be \$112 per category in which the licensee applies. An additional fee of \$15 shall be paid for each uncertified individual employed by the applicant to apply pesticides. except that on and after July 1, 2023, an additional fee of \$10 shall be paid for each uncertified individual employed by the applicant to apply pesticides. The application fee per category and the additional fee for each uncertified employee in effect on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until the secretary adopts rules and regulations fixing a different fee under this subsection. Any uncertified individual employed for a period of more than 10 days in a 30-day period or for five consecutive days by a licensee to apply pesticides subsequent to such application shall be reported to the secretary within 30 days of such employee's hiring and the fee shall be paid at that time. Each application shall also include the following:
- (1) The business name of the person applying for such license or renewal;
- (2) if the applicant is an individual, receiver, trustee, representative, agent, firm, partnership, association, corporation or other organized group of persons, whether or not incorporated, the full name of each owner of the firm or partnership or the names of the officers of the association, corporation or group;

(3) the principal business address of the applicant in the state and elsewhere; and

- (4) any other information the secretary, by rules and regulations, deems necessary for the administration of this act.
- (c) The secretary may issue a pesticide business license to apply pesticides in categories for which an applicant has applied if the applicant files the bond, insurance, letter of credit or proof of an escrow account as required under K.S.A. 2-2448, and amendments thereto, satisfies the requirements of subsection (b), and pays the required fees. Such license shall expire at the end of the calendar year for which it is issued unless it has been revoked or suspended prior thereto. Failure to renew such license prior to January 1 of each year shall result in a late fee equal to 40% of the current application fee. If a license is not issued as applied for, the secretary shall inform the applicant in writing of the reasons therefor.
- (d) The following persons shall be exempted from the licensing requirements of this act:
- (1) State or federal personnel using pesticides or pest control services while engaged in pesticide use research;
- (2) veterinarians or physicians using pesticides as a part of their professional services; and
- (3) any person or such person's employee who applies pesticides on or at premises owned, leased or operated by such person.
- (e) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d), it is unlawful for any governmental agency—which that has not been issued a government agency registration to apply pesticides within this state. Application for government agency registration shall be made on a form obtained from the secretary and shall be accompanied by a fee fixed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, except that such fee shall not exceed \$50, except that on and after July 1, 2023, such fee shall not exceed \$35. The governmental agency registration fee in effect on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until the secretary adopts rules and regulations fixing a different fee therefor under this subsection. No fee shall be required of any township located within a county—which that has previously applied for and received government agency registration. Each application for registration shall contain information including, but not limited to:
 - (1) The name of the government agency;
 - (2) the mailing address of the applicant;
- 39 (3) the name and mailing address of the person who heads such agency and who is authorized to receive correspondence and legal papers.
 41 Such person shall be: (A) The mayor or city manager for municipalities;
 42 (B) the chairperson of the board of county commissioners for counties; (C)

43 the township trustee for townships; or (D) any person designated by any

other governmental agency; and

- (4) any other information the secretary, by rules and regulations, deems necessary for the administration of this act.
- (f) If the secretary finds the application to be sufficient, the secretary shall issue a government agency registration. The government agency is not required to furnish a surety bond under this act. Such government agency registration shall expire at the end of the calendar year for which it is issued unless it has been revoked or suspended prior thereto. If a registration is not issued as applied for, the secretary shall inform the applicant in writing of the reasons therefor.
- (g) A pesticide business license or government agency registration may be renewed by meeting the same requirements as for a new license or registration. Neither the pesticide business license nor the government agency registration shall be transferable, except that, in the event of the disability, incapacity or death of the owner, manager or legal agent of a pesticide business licensee, a permit may be issued by the secretary to permit the operation of such business until the expiration period of the license in effect at the time of such disability, incapacity or death if the applicant therefor can show that the policies and services of such business will continue substantially as before, with due regard to protection of the public and the environment.
- (h) No pesticide business license may be issued to any person until such person is or has in such person's employ one or more individuals who are certified commercial applicators in each of the categories for which the license application is made.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 2-2440b is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2440b. (a) It shall be unlawful for any pesticide business licensee to apply pesticides for the control of wood destroying pests, structural pests, ornamental pests, turf pests or interior landscape pests unless the applicator of the pesticide is a certified commercial applicator or is a registered pest control technician, except that an uncertified commercial applicator may apply pesticides when either a certified applicator or registered pest control technician is physically present.
- (b) Any such employee applying for a pest control technician registration shall file an application on a form prescribed by the secretary. Application for such registration shall be accompanied by an application fee established by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, except that such fee shall not exceed \$40, except that on and after July 1, 2023, such fee shall not exceed \$25, and shall be reduced, but not below zero, by an amount equal to the additional fee paid under K.S.A. 2-2440(b), and amendments thereto, for such uncertified individual. Failure to renew such registration prior to January 1 of each year shall require payment of a late fee of \$25 or a late fee equal to 40% of the current application fee,

whichever is greater.

- (c) If the secretary finds the applicant qualified to be a registered pest control technician after meeting the training requirements determined by the secretary in rules and regulations, the secretary shall issue a pest control technician registration—which that will expire at the end of the calendar year.
- (d) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas pesticide law.
- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 2-2905 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-2905. (a) Every manufacturer of liming materials to be distributed in this state shall on July 1 of each year, or prior to manufacture or distribution of such liming materials, register each manufacturing facility on a form furnished by the secretary of agriculture, the application to be accompanied by a fee of \$30, except that on and after July 1, 2015, such application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25. All such licenses shall expire on June 30 of the following year, except as authorized in subsection (b).
- (b) Any manufacturer of liming materials may delay such registration without halting operations until July 31 of each year without penalty or violation of this act, if such registration is submitted concurrently with the annual statement required pursuant to K.S.A. 2-2906, and amendments thereto.
- (c) Any manufacturer of liming materials that fails to submit such registration as required by subsection (a) or (b) shall be in violation of this act.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 36-505 is hereby amended to read as follows: 36-505. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any license issued under the provisions of this act shall expire on March 31 following the date of issuance, and may be renewed by making application to the secretary on or before the expiration date. Application for renewal of a license shall be made on a form prescribed by the secretary and shall be accompanied by the license fee required for the issuance of an original license. If, for any reason, a licensee fails to renew a license prior to the expiration date, the licensee may obtain a renewal of such license within 30 days following the expiration date by complying with the foregoing provisions of this section and paying a \$25 late fee *or a late fee equal to 40% of the current license fee, whichever is greater.* If the licensee does not renew within the 30-day period, then the license is treated as expired and the licensee must apply for a new license.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 47-1001e is hereby amended to read as follows: 47-1001e. (a) Each livestock market operator shall pay annually, on or before-June September 30, a renewal market license fee in an amount set by the Kansas animal health board and adopted by rules and

regulations of the commissioner of not more than \$250 to the commissioner for each public livestock market operated by such operator, which payment shall constitute a renewal until—June September 30 of the following year. The renewal market license fee established by this section on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until a different renewal market license fee is set as provided under this section.

- (b) Any person who owns or operates an electronic auction—which that is simulcast into the state of Kansas and at which livestock located in the state of Kansas are offered for sale, shall apply to the animal health commissioner for an electronic auction license. A license shall be granted to such person upon a showing that such person meets the bond requirements, as established in K.S.A. 47-1002, and amendments thereto, and has paid an annual fee in an amount set by the Kansas animal health board and adopted by rules and regulations of the commissioner of not more than \$250. Any such license shall expire on—June September 30 of each year.
- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 47-1208 is hereby amended to read as follows: 47-1208. All licenses and permits issued under this act shall expire on—June September 30 following date of issuance. All applications for renewal of licenses and permits shall be in compliance with the requirements of this act for the issuance of original licenses and permits.
- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 47-1503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 47-1503. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a feedlot within the state of Kansas without having first obtained a license from the animal health commissioner authorizing and permitting such operation.
- (b) An operator of any feedlot in the state of Kansas, or a person desiring to operate a feedlot in the state of Kansas shall obtain from the animal health commissioner, a license to operate a feedlot, unless exempted therefrom. The owner or operator of any livestock feedlot, with a capacity of less than 1,000 head of livestock, may apply for and obtain a license for feedlot operations, if such owner or operator chooses and elects to come under the terms and provisions of this act, but the licensing for operations at a capacity of less than 1,000 head shall not be required.
- (c) Application for a livestock feedlot license shall be filed with the animal health commissioner, on a form prescribed and furnished by the commissioner. Upon the filing of such an application and payment of the required fees, the commissioner shall issue a livestock feedlot license to such applicant, provided the application discloses information assuring the commissioner that the operation of such feedlot will be conducted in accordance with the standards set forth elsewhere in this act, and with rules and regulations adopted by the commissioner.

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(d) Feedlot licenses shall be issued for the term of one year, to expire on-June September 30 following the date of issuance. Feedlot licenses may be continued in force by annual renewal or extension of such license with the payment of an annual license fee, and with continued compliance by the operator with the provisions of this act, and rules and regulations adopted hereunder.

(e) Each cattle feedlot operator, who shall be granted a license, shall pay a fee in an amount set by the Kansas animal health board and adopted by rules and regulations of the commissioner for such license and for annual renewal thereof, in accordance with and subject to the following schedule of maximum fees.

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13	Under 1,000 head.	\$75
14	1,000 to 2,999 head	\$350
15	3,000 to 5,999 head	\$650
16	6,000 to 9,999 head	\$750
17	10,000 to 17,999 head	\$1,100
18	18,000 to 29,999 head	\$1,500
19	30,000 to 49,999 head	\$1,650
20	50,000 to 99,999 head	\$1,800
21	100,000 head and over	\$2,000
22	The fees established by this subsection on the da	y preceding the

The fees established by this subsection on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until different fees are set as provided under this subsection.

(f) For the purposes of this subsection, "animal unit" means the number of swine weighing more than 55 pounds multiplied by 0.4; plus the number of swine weighing 55 pounds or less multiplied by 0.1; plus the number of sheep or lambs multiplied by 0.1; plus the number of goats multiplied by 0.1. Each swine, sheep and goat feedlot operator, who shall be granted a license, shall pay a fee in an amount set by the Kansas animal health board and adopted by rules and regulations of the commissioner for such license and for annual renewal thereof, in accordance with and subject to the following schedule of maximum fees:

34 Feedlot capacity Maximum fee 35 1,000 to 2,999 Animal units......\$350 36 37 3,000 to 5,999 Animal units.....\$650 6,000 to 9,999 Animal units......\$750 38 39 10,000 to 17,999 Animal units.....\$1,100 18,000 to 29,999 Animal units......\$1,500 40 30,000 to 49,999 Animal units......\$1,650 41 42 50,000 to 99,999 Animal units.....\$1,800 100,000 Animal units and over.....\$2,000 43

(g) If an original feedlot license expires within six months after date of issuance, only 50% of the applicable license fee shall be required. An application for feedlot license shall not be approved, nor shall a license be issued to any applicant unless the application is accompanied by the applicable license fee under the schedule of fees in this section. Each licensed feedlot operator shall pay an annual license fee in accordance with the schedule of fees in this section and, upon payment of such fee and a showing of compliance with other requirements, shall be entitled to a renewal or extension of such operator's license for the ensuing license year.

- (h) The animal health commissioner shall remit all moneys received by or for the commissioner under article 15 of chapter 47 of *the* Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the animal disease control fund
- Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 47-1805 is hereby amended to read as follows: 47-1805. (a) Any person operating as a livestock dealer in Kansas shall register with the Kansas department of agriculture division of animal health. Registration shall be made on an application form approved by the animal health commissioner. The application shall be accompanied by the livestock dealer registration fee or renewal fee fixed by the commissioner under subsection (b). If an application for registration or renewal of registration is denied by the commissioner or withdrawn by the applicant, the fee shall not be refunded. Unless renewed under this section, each registration shall expire on—the June September 30 following the date of issuance.
- (b) The animal health commissioner shall determine annually the amount of funds—which that will be required for the administration and enforcement of this section and K.S.A. 47-1806, and amendments thereto, and shall fix and adjust from time to time a livestock dealer registration fee and a renewal fee in such reasonable amounts as may be necessary for such purposes, except that in no case shall either the livestock dealer registration fee or the renewal fee exceed \$75.
- (c) The animal health commissioner shall remit all moneys received by or for the commissioner under this section to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the animal disease control fund.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 47-2101 is hereby amended to read as follows: 47-2101. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess

domesticated deer unless such person has obtained from the animal health commissioner a domesticated deer permit. Application for such permit shall be made in writing on a form provided by the commissioner. The permit period shall be for the permit year ending on—June September 30 following the issuance date.

- (b) Each application for issuance or renewal of a permit shall be accompanied by a fee of not more than \$400 as established by the commissioner in rules and regulations.
- (c) The animal health commissioner shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary to enforce the provisions of article 21 of chapter 47 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, ensure compliance with federal requirements and protect domestic animals and wildlife from disease risks related to domestic deer production.
- (d) Any person who fails to obtain a permit as prescribed in subsection (a) shall be deemed guilty of a class C nonperson misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000. Continued operation, after a conviction, shall constitute a separate offense for each day of operation.
- (e) The commissioner may refuse to issue or renew or may suspend or revoke any permit for any one of the following reasons:
- (1) Material misstatement in the application for the original permit or in the application for any renewal of a permit;
- (2) the conviction of any crime, an essential element of which is misstatement, fraud or dishonesty, or relating to the theft of or cruelty to animals;
 - (3) substantial misrepresentation;
- (4) the person who is issued a permit is found to be poaching or illegally obtaining deer; or
- (5) the permit holder's willful disregard of any rule or regulation adopted under this section.
- (f) Any refusal to issue or renew a permit and any suspension or revocation of a permit under this section shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act and shall be subject to review in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act.
- (g) Each domesticated deer, regardless of age, that enters a premises alive or leaves a premises alive or dead for any purpose, other than for direct movement to a licensed or registered slaughter facility in Kansas, shall have official identification, as prescribed by rules and regulations of the commissioner. Any person who receives a permit issued pursuant to subsection (a) shall keep records of such deer as required by rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section.
- (h) (1) The animal health commissioner or the commissioner's representatives may inspect the premises and records of any person issued

a domesticated deer permit, but shall not inspect such premises and records more than once each permit year, unless the commissioner has:

- (A) Discovered a violation of article 21 of chapter 47 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto; or
- (B) received a complaint that such premises is not being operated, managed or maintained in accordance with rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section.
- (2) The commissioner or the commissioner's representatives may inspect unlicensed premises when the commissioner has reasonable grounds to believe that a person is violating the provisions of this section.
- (i) The animal health commissioner, on an annual basis, shall transmit to the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism a current list of persons issued a permit pursuant to this section. The department of agriculture may request assistance from the department of wildlife, parks and tourism to assist in implementing and enforcing article 21 of chapter 47 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.
- (j) All moneys received under this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the animal disease control fund.
 - (k) As used in this section:
 - (1) "Deer" means any member of the family cervidae.
- (2) "Domesticated deer" means any member of the family cervidae which that was legally obtained and is being sold or raised in a confined area for: (A) Breeding stock; (B) any carcass, skin or part of such animal; (C) exhibition; or (D) companionship.
- Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 65-691 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-691. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any license issued under the provisions of this act shall expire on March 31 following the date of issuance. Licensees may renew licenses by applying to the secretary on or before the expiration date. Application for renewal of a license shall be made on a form prescribed by the secretary and shall be accompanied by the license fee required for the issuance of an original license. If the secretary refuses to renew any license, the secretary shall give written notice thereof to the licensee. In giving written notice, the secretary shall specify changes necessary for complete compliance with rules and regulations, and the secretary shall state that if compliance is achieved within the time designated then the license shall be renewed. If the licensee fails to achieve complete compliance within the prescribed time, the secretary, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act, shall deny the application for a license. If for any reason, a licensee fails to renew a

license prior to the expiration date, the licensee may obtain a renewal of such license within 30 days following the expiration date. In order to renew a license during this thirty-day period, the licensee must comply with the foregoing provisions of this section and pay a \$25 late fee equal to 40% of the current license fee. If the licensee does not renew within the thirty-day period, then the license is treated as expired, and the licensee must apply for a new license.

- (b) (1) The secretary shall inspect or cause to be inspected every licensed food establishment or food processing plant in this state. If upon inspection, the secretary determines that a food establishment or food processing plant does not comply with rules and regulations, the secretary shall give written or electronic notice to the owner, proprietor, or agent in charge of such food establishment or food processing plant. In giving notice, the secretary shall specify changes necessary for complete compliance, and the secretary shall designate a time period for achieving compliance. The prescribed time period shall not be less than 10 days, unless the secretary believes time is essential to protect public health and safety. If time is essential to protect public health and safety, the secretary may designate a shorter period for compliance. Also, in giving notice, the secretary shall state that if compliance is not achieved within the time prescribed, the license for the food establishment or food processing plant shall be subject to suspension or revocation.
- (2) When a licensee of any food establishment or food processing plant receives notice of noncompliance, the licensee may apply to the secretary to extend the time period for achieving compliance. Upon review of any such application, the secretary may deny the application or the secretary may modify the time period for compliance.
- (3) After the secretary has issued the notice of noncompliance, the secretary may inspect to determine if the food establishment or food processing plant has achieved compliance within the prescribed time. If the food establishment or food processing plant is noncompliant, the secretary, after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, may suspend or revoke the issued license.
- (c) If after providing notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, the secretary determines that any person has engaged in or is engaging in any act or practice constituting a violation of any provision of this act, or any rules and regulations or order issued thereunder, the secretary may require that such person cease and desist from the unlawful act or practice. The secretary may take such affirmative action when in the secretary's judgment affirmative action carries out the purposes of the violated or potentially violated provision of this act or rules and regulations or order

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- (d) Any party aggrieved by a final order of the secretary made under this section may appeal such order to the district court in the manner provided by the Kansas judicial review act.
- Sec. 12. K.S.A. 47-1208 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 2-2120, 2-2440, 2-2440b, 2-2905, 36-505, 47-1001e, 47-1503, 47-1805, 47-2101 and 65-691 are hereby repealed.
- 8 Sec. 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.