

47-418. Branding; rules and regulations; identification brands for disease control purposes.

Livestock may be branded in any way, or on any part of the animal, according to rules and regulations adopted by the commissioner, but livestock shall be branded so that they may be readily distinguished should they become intermixed with other herds. Livestock brands for identification of cattle to control diseases may be placed on the head or tailhead of the cattle. The letter "T" shall be used on the left jaw, by hot iron, to identify tuberculosis reactors; the letter "V" may be used on the left jaw, by hot iron, to identify brucellosis vaccinated cattle; the letter "S" may be used on the left jaw or the tailhead, by hot iron, to identify brucellosis exposed or untested test eligible animals; the letter "F" may be used on the left jaw or the left tailhead, by hot iron, to designate heifers from B and C states as listed by the United States department of agriculture. No applications for livestock brands for owner identification shall be issued for head, neck or tailhead locations, and the head and tailhead locations for livestock brands shall be reserved for brands for disease control purposes, except that head, neck and tailhead brands presently effective may have registration renewal upon term expirations. No evidence of ownership of brands shall be recorded except as provided in this act.

History: L. 1939, ch. 222, § 5; L. 1947, ch. 298, § 5; L. 1961, ch. 254, § 1; L. 1980, ch. 154, § 1; L. 1988, ch. 186, § 2; L. 1989, ch. 156, § 1; July 1.