

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 85**

Introduced by Davis, 43.

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Committee: Agriculture

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Livestock Brand Act; to amend section
- 2 54-1,108, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to increase
- 3 the brand inspection fee; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 54-1,108, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2014, is amended to read:

3 54-1,108 (1) All brand inspections provided for in the Livestock  
4 Brand Act or section 54-415 shall be from sunrise to sundown or during  
5 such other hours and under such conditions as the Nebraska Brand  
6 Committee determines.

7 (2)(a) An inspection fee, established by the Nebraska Brand  
8 Committee, of not more than one dollar and twenty-five ~~seventy-five~~ cents  
9 per head shall be charged for all cattle inspected in accordance with the  
10 Livestock Brand Act or section 54-415 or inspected within the brand  
11 inspection area or brand inspection service area by court order or at the  
12 request of any bank, credit agency, or lending institution with a legal  
13 or financial interest in such cattle. Such fee may vary to encourage  
14 inspection to be performed at times and locations that reduce the cost of  
15 performing the inspection but shall otherwise be uniform. The inspection  
16 fee for court-ordered inspections shall be paid from the proceeds of the  
17 sale of such cattle if ordered by the court or by either party as the  
18 court directs. For other inspections, the person requesting the  
19 inspection of such cattle is responsible for the inspection fee. Brand  
20 inspections requested by either a purchaser or seller of cattle located  
21 within the brand inspection service area shall be provided upon the same  
22 terms and charges as brand inspections performed within the brand  
23 inspection area. If stray cattle are identified as a result of the  
24 inspection, such cattle shall be processed in the manner provided by  
25 section 54-415.

26 (b) A surcharge of not more than twenty dollars, as established by  
27 the brand committee, may be charged to cover travel expenses incurred by  
28 the brand inspector per inspection location when performing brand  
29 inspections. The surcharge shall be collected by the brand inspector and  
30 paid by the person requesting the inspection or the person required by  
31 law to have the inspection.

1           (c) Fees for inspections performed outside of the brand inspection  
2 area that are not provided for in subdivision (a) of this subsection  
3 shall be the inspection fee established in such subdivision plus a fee to  
4 cover the actual expense of performing the inspection, including mileage  
5 at the rate established by the Department of Administrative Services and  
6 an hourly rate, not to exceed thirty dollars per hour, for the travel and  
7 inspection time incurred by the brand committee to perform such  
8 inspection. The brand committee shall charge and collect the actual  
9 expense fee. Such fee shall apply to inspections performed outside the  
10 brand inspection area as part of an investigation into known or alleged  
11 violations of the Livestock Brand Act and shall be charged against the  
12 person committing the violation.

13           (3) Any person who has reason to believe that cattle were shipped  
14 erroneously due to an inspection error during a brand inspection may  
15 request a reinspection. The person making such request shall be  
16 responsible for the expenses incurred as a result of the reinspection  
17 unless the results of the reinspection substantiate the claim of  
18 inspection error, in which case the brand committee shall be responsible  
19 for the reinspection expenses.

20           Sec. 2. Original section 54-1,108, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
21 Supplement, 2014, is repealed.