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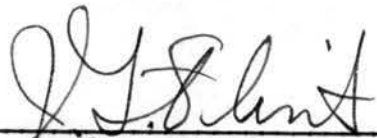
In the Matter of Proposed
Amendment to 3 MCAR § 2.062
Official Identification Tags and Brands

STATEMENT OF NEED AND REASONABLENESS

The rule needs to be amended to bring it up to date, the last amendment having been made in 1970. An official tag is defined the same as in the federal brucellosis regulations and will include official tags from any and all states. The rule provides that official tags shall be sold only to accredited veterinarians and shall be applied only by or under the direct supervision of an accredited veterinarian which will prohibit misuse of official tags by unauthorized persons. The rule prohibits the removal of official tags so that herd of origin may be determined when necessary in the control and/or eradication of disease. The provisions of the rule pertaining to sale and application of official tags do not apply to official tags issued to the Dairy Herd Improvement Association or to artificial breeding associations.

The proposed amendment increases the disease control capability of the rule. It will not increase the cost to the livestock industry.

Adoption and need for the amendment falls within the authority of M.S. § 35.03 (1980).



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