

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER and MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2047** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed as Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2047, as follows:

On page 1, following line 8, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 47-417 is hereby amended to read as follows: 47-417. (a) Any person may adopt a brand for the purpose of branding livestock in accordance with authorized rules and regulations of the animal health commissioner of the Kansas department of agriculture division of animal health. Such person shall have the exclusive right to use such brand in this state, after ~~registering~~ receiving approval of the application for such brand ~~with~~ from the animal health commissioner.

(b) Any person desiring to register a livestock brand shall forward to the commissioner a facsimile of such brand and shall accompany the same with the ~~registration~~ application fee in the amount provided under this section. Upon a determination by the animal health commissioner that such brand is available for use and may be registered, the registrant shall, within 60 days of notice of such determination being sent by the animal health commissioner, remit to the animal health commissioner a brand registration fee in the amount provided under this section. If such brand registration fee is not paid as required under this section, the animal health commissioner may deny the application. Each person ~~making application for the registering of an available livestock brand~~ whose brand application is approved shall be issued a certificate of brand title upon remittance of the brand registration fee as provided under this section. ~~Such~~ Each brand title shall be valid for a recording period ending four years subsequent

to the next April 1 following date of issuance. Separate application and registration fees shall be required for each brand for which registration is sought and each brand for which an application for registration is approved. The use of a brand for which a certificate of brand title has not been issued shall be unlawful and subject to penalties as provided in K.S.A. 47-421, and amendments thereto.

(c) ~~For the purpose of revising the brand records, the animal health commissioner shall collect~~ Each person wanting to renew a certificate of brand title held by such person shall, upon the expiration of the recording period for such certificate of brand title, remit to the animal health commissioner a renewal fee in the amount provided under this section on all brands upon which the recording period expires. Any person submitting such renewal fee shall be entitled to a renewal of registration of such person's livestock brand for a five-year period from the date of expiration of registration of such person's livestock brand as shown by such person's last certificate of brand title.

(d) The livestock brand of any person whose registration expires and who fails to pay such renewal fee within a grace period of 60 days after expiration of the registration period shall be forfeited. The use of a forfeited brand shall be unlawful and subject to penalties as provided in K.S.A. 47-421, and amendments thereto.

(e) Upon the forfeiture of a livestock brand, the animal health commissioner is authorized to receive and accept an application for such brand to the same extent as if such brand had never been issued to anyone as a registered brand.

(f) (1) The animal health commissioner shall determine annually the amount of funds ~~which that~~ will be required for the purposes for which the brand application, registration and renewal fees are charged and collected and shall fix and adjust from time to time each such fee in such reasonable amount as may be necessary for such purposes, except that in no case shall ~~either the following exceed \$100:~~

(A) The brand renewal fee; or

(B) the total of the brand application fee and registration fee ~~or the renewal fee exceed~~
\$55.

(2) The amounts of the brand application fee, registration fee and ~~the renewal fee in~~
effect ~~on the day preceding the effective date of this act June 30, 2024,~~ shall continue in effect
until the animal health commissioner fixes different amounts for such fees under this section.";

Also on page 1, in line 12, after "(a)" by inserting ""Aircraft" means the same as defined in
14 C.F.R. § 1.1, as in effect on July 1, 2024.

(b)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 4, in line 13, after "K.S.A." by inserting "47-417,";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, after the semicolon by inserting "relating to livestock marks
and brands; requiring approval of livestock brand applications by the animal health
commissioner; submission of brand application and registration fees; increasing the maximum
amount for brand registration and renewal fees;"; in line 6, after "K.S.A." by inserting "47-417,";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

Conferees on part of Senate

Conferees on part of House