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AN ACT

To repeal section 413.225, RSMo Supp. 1998, relating to weights and measures, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 413.225, RSMo Supp. 1998, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 413.225, to read as follows:

413.225. 1. There is established a fee for registration, inspection and calibration services performed by the division of weights and measures. The fees are due at the time the service is rendered and shall be paid to the director by the person receiving the service. The director shall collect fees according to the following schedule and shall deposit them with the state treasurer into general revenue for the use of the state of Missouri:

(1) [From August 28, 1994, until the next January first, laboratory fees for metrology calibrations shall be at the rate of twenty-five dollars per hour for tolerance testing and thirty-five dollars per hour for precision calibration. Time periods over one hour shall be computed to the nearest hour.] On the first day of January, [1995] **2000**, and each year thereafter, the director of agriculture [shall ascertain the total receipts and expenses for the metrology calibrations during the preceding year and] shall fix a fee schedule [for the ensuing year] at a rate per hour which shall not exceed sixty dollars per hour for either method but shall not be less than twenty-five dollars per hour for tolerance testing and thirty-five dollars per hour for precision calibration[, as will yield revenue not more than the total cost of operating the metrology laboratory during the ensuing year];

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

(2) [From August 28, 1994, until the next January first, all scale test fees shall be charged as follows:

(a) Small scales shall be five dollars for each counter scale, ten dollars for platform scales up to one thousand-pound capacity, and twenty dollars for each platform scale over one thousand-pound capacity;

(b) Vehicle scales shall be fifty dollars each for the initial test and seventy-five dollars for each subsequent test within the same calendar year;

(c) Livestock scales shall be seventy-five dollars each for the initial test, and one hundred dollars for each subsequent test within the same calendar year;

(d) Hopper scales with a capacity of one thousand pounds or less shall be ten dollars each; for each hopper scale with a capacity of more than one thousand pounds up to and including two thousand pounds, the fee shall be twenty dollars; for each hopper scale with a capacity of more than two thousand pounds up to and including ten thousand pounds, the fee shall be fifty dollars; and for those hopper scales with a capacity of more than ten thousand pounds, the test fee shall be seventy-five dollars each;

(e) Railroad scales shall be fifty dollars each;

(f) Monorail scales shall be twenty-five dollars each for the initial test and fifty dollars for each subsequent test in the same calendar year;

(g) Participation in on-site field evaluations of devices for National Type Evaluation Program certification and all tests of in-motion scales including but not limited to vehicle, railroad and belt conveyor scales will be charged at the rate of thirty dollars per hour, plus mileage from the inspector's official domicile to and from the inspection site. The time shall begin when the state inspector performing the inspection arrives at the site to be inspected and shall end when the final report is signed by the owner/operator and the inspector departs;

(3) From August 28, 1994, until the next January first, certification of taximeters shall be five dollars per meter; timing devices, five dollars per device; fabric-measuring devices, wire- and cordage-measuring devices, five dollars per device; milk for quantity determination, twenty-five dollars per plant inspected;

(4) From August 28, 1994, until the next January first, certification of vehicle tank meters shall be twenty-five dollars each for the initial test and fifty dollars for each subsequent test in the same calendar year;

(5) Every person shall register each location of such person's place of business where devices or instruments are used to ascertain the moisture content of grains and seeds offered for sale, processing or storage in this state with the director and shall pay a registration fee of ten dollars for each location so registered and a fee of five dollars for each additional device or instrument at such location. Thereafter, by January thirty-first of each year, each person who is required to register pursuant to this subdivision shall pay an annual fee of ten dollars for each

location so registered and an additional five dollars for each additional machine at each location. The fee on newly purchased devices shall be paid within thirty days after the date of purchase. Application for registration of a place of business shall be made on forms provided by the director and shall require information concerning the make, model and serial number of the device and such other information as the director shall deem necessary. Provided, however, this subsection shall not apply to moisture-measuring devices used exclusively for the purpose of obtaining information necessary to manufacturing processes involving plant products. In addition to fees required by this subdivision, a fee of ten dollars shall be charged for each device subject to retest.

2. [On the first day of January, 1995, and each year thereafter, the director of agriculture shall ascertain the total receipts and expenses for the testing of weighing and measuring devices referred to in subdivisions (2), (3), (4) and (5) of subsection 1 of this section and shall fix the fees or rate per hour for such weighing and measuring devices to derive revenue not more than the total cost of the operation, but such fees shall not be fixed in amounts less than the amounts contained in subdivisions (2), (3), (4) and (5) of subsection 1 of this section.

3. Except as indicated in subdivision (2)(b)(c) and (f) and subdivisions (4) and (5) of subsection 1, retests for any device within the same calendar year will be charged at the same rate as the initial test. Devices being retested in the same calendar year as a result of rejection and repair are exempt from the requirements of this subsection.

4. Fees not paid within thirty days from the date of the original invoice shall bear interest of one percent per month until the total amount is paid. Any fee not paid within ninety days after the date of the original invoice will be assessed a penalty of one hundred dollars in addition to the one percent interest per month. Fees plus interest and penalty not paid prior to the next scheduled inspection will be cause for the director to deem the device as incorrect and it shall be condemned and taken out of service, and may be seized by the director until all fees and penalties are paid.

5.] No fee provided for by this section shall be required of any person owning or operating a moisture-measuring device or instrument who uses such device or instrument solely in agricultural or horticultural operations on such person's own land, and not in performing services, whether with or without compensation, for another person.

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