

**IMMATURE OR UNWHOLESOME CALVES**  
**Act 340 of 1913**

AN ACT to prevent and punish the sale of immature and unwholesome calves, pigs, kids and lambs.

**History:** 1913, Act 340, Eff. Aug. 14, 1913;—Am. 1959, Act 156, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**289.251 Immature veal, transportation or sale unlawful; deacons; unwholesome meat from young animals; possession.**

Sec. 1. No person shall transport in interstate or intrastate commerce, or sell for transportation in interstate or intrastate commerce, any calf unless such calf is at least 1 week old. This provision shall not apply to transportation or sale of live calves known as deacons from 1 farmer to another. No person shall sell, offer or expose for sale, for human consumption, the carcass or meat of calves, pigs, kids or lambs which are unwholesome. The carcasses or meat shall be declared unwholesome if (1) the carcass or meat has the appearance of being water soaked, is loose, flabby, tears easily and can be perforated with the fingers; or (2) if its color is grayish red; or (3) if good muscular development as a whole is lacking, especially noticeable on the upper shank of the leg, where small amounts of serous infiltrates or small edematous patches are sometimes present between the muscles; or (4) if the tissue which later develops as the fat capsule of the kidneys is edematous, dirty yellow or grayish red, tough and intermixed with islands of fat. Such carcasses or meats as herein described and declared to be unwholesome shall be condemned. Possession of such carcass or meat in any place where meat for human consumption is stored, sold or offered for sale shall be evidence of possession of such carcass or meat for sale. This section shall not be deemed to prohibit the shipment in interstate commerce of hog-dressed young veal calves, commonly known as “deacons”.

**History:** 1913, Act 340, Eff. Aug. 14, 1913;—CL 1915, 6514;—CL 1929, 5469;—Am. 1945, Act 162, Eff. Sept. 6, 1945;—CL 1948, 289.251;—Am. 1952, Act 208, Imd. Eff. Apr. 29, 1952;—Am. 1959, Act 156, Eff. Mar. 19, 1960.

**289.252 Violation of act; penalty.**

Sec. 2. Whoever shall do any of the acts or things prohibited by this act, or in any way violate any of its provisions, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than 25 dollars nor more than 100 dollars, and the costs of the prosecution, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

**History:** 1913, Act 340, Eff. Aug. 14, 1913;—CL 1915, 6515;—CL 1929, 5470;—CL 1948, 289.252.

**289.253 Declaration of necessity.**

Sec. 3. This act is immediately necessary for the public health.

**History:** 1913, Act 340, Eff. Aug. 14, 1913;—CL 1915, 6516;—CL 1929, 5471;—CL 1948, 289.253.