

**BRANDING LIVESTOCK**  
**Act 122 of 1883**

AN ACT to provide for branding certain livestock; to provide for certain powers and duties of certain state agencies; and to prescribe application procedures and fees.

**History:** 1883, Act 122, Imd. Eff. May 25, 1883;—Am. 1982, Act 52, Eff. Oct. 1, 1982.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**287.221 Adoption of brand; application; earmark, tattoo, or vaccination mark; identification number; assignment and recordation; approval of brand.**

Sec. 1. A person who has cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, or goats may adopt a brand by applying to the secretary of state. The brand shall not be an earmark, tattoo, or vaccination mark. The secretary of state shall assign each brand an identification number and shall record the brand and number. The secretary of state shall not approve a brand unless the brand is different from all other valid brands.

**History:** 1883, Act 122, Imd. Eff. May 25, 1883;—How. 2074a;—CL 1897, 5660;—CL 1915, 7350;—CL 1929, 5290;—CL 1948, 287.221;—Am. 1982, Act 52, Eff. Oct. 1, 1982.

**287.222 Placement and size of brand.**

Sec. 2. A brand shall be placed in a conspicuous location on the livestock. A brand placed on cattle shall be at least 3 inches high and on horses, hogs, sheep, or goats shall be at least 2 inches high.

**History:** 1883, Act 122, Imd. Eff. May 25, 1883;—How. 2074b;—CL 1897, 5661;—CL 1915, 7351;—CL 1929, 5291;—CL 1948, 287.222;—Am. 1982, Act 52, Eff. Oct. 1, 1982.

**287.223 Duration of original brand; renewal and transfer; application forms and fees; disposition of fees.**

Sec. 3. (1) An original brand shall be issued for 10 years and may be renewed for 10-year periods. Application for renewal shall be made within 90 days of the date of expiration.

(2) A brand may be transferred and is valid for 5 years from the date of transfer. A transferred brand may be renewed for 10-year periods.

(3) Application for an original brand or for renewal or transfer of a brand shall be made on forms prescribed by the secretary of state.

(4) An application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00 for an original brand, \$20.00 for renewal of a brand, and \$10.00 for transfer of a brand.

(5) Fees collected by the secretary of state under this act shall be credited to the general fund.

**History:** Add. 1982, Act 52, Eff. Oct. 1, 1982.

**Compiler's note:** Former section 3 of this act was not compiled.