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**AB-2436 Cattle: inspections: fees.** (2023-2024)

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**Assembly Bill No. 2436**

**CHAPTER 214**

An act to amend Sections 21283, 21283.5, 21285, 21288, 21288.5, 21290.5, 21563, and 21563.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to cattle, and making an appropriation therefor.

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 2436, Alanis. Cattle: inspections: fees.

(1) Existing law requires cattle to be inspected before being moved or transported under certain circumstances, including before cattle are moved out of the state. Existing law provides that inspection of cattle consists of the examination of the cattle for all brands and marks, and, in the case of unbranded cattle, for natural marks, sex, and breed, and includes the issuance of a certificate of inspection. Existing law authorizes the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to impose a prescribed service charge for each site at which an inspection is performed. Existing law also establishes various inspection fees per head of cattle to supplement this site-based charge, generally of \$1.50 per animal, with certain exceptions.

This bill would increase various inspection fees per head of cattle to \$1.60, with certain exceptions, as specified.

(2) Existing law authorizes any person who receives cattle from any cattle sale market, upon request and payment of a fee of \$0.70 per head before accepting delivery of any cattle from that market, to have a reinspection of the cattle.

This bill would increase that fee to \$0.80 per head of cattle.

(3) Existing law requires that the inspection of carcasses with the hide on and of hides to be made in the same manner as the inspection of cattle, as specified. Under existing law, all brand inspection fees for hides or carcasses are due and payable at the time of the inspection. Existing law requires a brand inspection fee to be paid at the point of inspection in the amount of \$2 for each carcass or hide that is inspected and \$2 for each carcass or hide inspected originating in those counties or geographical areas where a point-of-origin inspection is maintained.

This bill would increase these fees to \$2.10 for each carcass or hide that is inspected.

(4) Existing law requires all of the above-described fees to be deposited into the Department of Food and Agriculture Fund, which is continuously appropriated, as prescribed.

By increasing the amount of existing fees, the revenue from which is continuously appropriated, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority Appropriation: yes Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Section 21283 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

**21283.** (a) Unless otherwise provided in this article, inspection fees shall be paid at the point of inspection.

(b) The fee for inspection is one dollar and sixty cents (\$1.60) for each animal that is inspected, except as follows:

(1) The fee for inspection at a registered feedlot, as defined in Section 20015, is eight-five cents (\$0.85) for each animal that is inspected.

(2) The fee for inspecting an animal that originated in another state and was shipped into this state for feeding direct to a registered feedlot is sixty cents (\$0.60) for each animal that is inspected.

(3) The fee for inspecting an animal that was inspected at a posted stockyard, or posted saleyard, in this state, and shipped direct to a registered feedlot, is sixty cents (\$0.60) for each animal that is inspected.

**SEC. 2.** Section 21283.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

**21283.5.** Except as otherwise provided in this article, on all private treaty transaction inspections, as defined in Section 20026, regardless of destination, the fee of one dollar and sixty cents (\$1.60) shall be paid at the point of inspection for each animal that is inspected.

**SEC. 3.** Section 21285 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

**21285.** The fee is one dollar and sixty cents (\$1.60) for the inspection before sale of each animal at a public saleyard that is posted by the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States or at a public saleyard if the animal originated in another state and it was shipped to this state, consigned to that public stockyard or public saleyard.

**SEC. 4.** Section 21288 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

**21288.** In a modified point-of-origin inspection area, as provided in Section 21111, the fee for the inspection of cattle, other than suckling calves that are accompanying their mothers, is one dollar and sixty cents (\$1.60) per head if the cattle are transported out of the area for purposes other than sale or slaughter and no change of ownership is involved.

**SEC. 5.** Section 21288.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

**21288.5.** For cattle, other than suckling calves accompanying their mothers, transported out of the state for purposes other than sale or slaughter and where no change of ownership is involved, the inspection fee is one dollar and sixty cents (\$1.60) per head.

**SEC. 6.** Section 21290.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

**21290.5.** Any person who receives cattle from any cattle sale market, either public or private, including any public stockyard where sales of cattle are held, may, upon request and upon payment of a fee of eighty cents (\$0.80) per head before accepting delivery of any cattle from that market or stockyard, have a reinspection of the cattle.

**SEC. 7.** Section 21563 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

**21563.** Except as otherwise provided in this article, the fee shall be paid at the point of inspection and is two dollars and ten cents (\$2.10) for each carcass or hide that is inspected.

**SEC. 8.** Section 21563.5 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

**21563.5.** The fee for the inspection of each carcass or hide shall be two dollars and ten cents (\$2.10) for each carcass and hide originating in those counties or geographical areas where a point-of-origin inspection is maintained pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 21141) of Chapter 6.