

**Livestock Sanitary Board, Power Of. Veterinary Surgeon,  
Power Of. Live Stock, Disinfection Of. Disinfection Live  
Stock. Employees, Sanitary Board. Dipping and Spraying  
Plants.**

The State Veterinary Surgeon and the Live Stock Sanitary Board have the authority to engage employees when necessary in the operation of dipping and spraying plants necessarily used by the said Board in preventing the spreading, etc., of disease among live stock.

Helena, Montana. June 12, 1907.

Hon. M. E. Knowles,  
State Veterinarian,  
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:—

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., submitting the following question:

“Could persons appointed by the Live Stock Sanitary Board to act as brand experts and agents in charge of dipping or spraying plants, be properly compensated for services out of the Live Stock Indemnity Fund?”

No authority is vested in the Sanitary Board, or in anyone, to create an office, but the State Veterinary Surgeon and the Sanitary Board are by the provisions of Chap. 152, Laws 1907, empowered, and it is made their duty, “to supervise sanitary conditions of live stock in this State; to determine and employ the most efficient and practical means to prevent, suppress, control and eradicate dangerous, contagious, infectious, enzootic, epizootic, or any dangerous non-contagious disease among live stock.” \* \* \* If the establishment of dipping or spraying plants is necessary to enable the Board and the Veterinary Surgeon to “employ the most efficient and practical means to prevent, suppress,” etc. disease among live stock, the expense of operating such plants is properly a charge against the “Stock Indemnity Fund” referred to in Section 14 of said chapter. And if in the operation of such plants it is necessary to secure the services of employees, the compensation of such employees is a proper charge against such fund, and it may also be made a part of the duty of such employees to keep a record of the brands appearing on the animal treated.

Very truly yours,

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Attorney General.