

Butcher, Who is. Hides, Must Be Exhibited. Slaughtered Animals, Hides of Must Be Exhibited. Statement, Required of Butchers.

In all cases where cattle are slaughtered the hides must be preserved for ten days and exhibited for inspection on demand. A person is regarded as a butcher if he purchases stock and slaughters it for market. If animals slaughtered are sold with the hides, the purchaser must make the statement required of butchers.

Helena, Montana, January 26, 1916.

Hon. D. W. Raymond,
Secretary, Stock Commissioners,
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:

On the 25th instant you referred to me for consideration a letter received by you from Mr. W. A. Richardson, Stock Inspector at Miles City, wherein he states that one Arnold has maintained a slaughter house for about ten years at Forsyth, but has not filed any statement of his business since November 1914, and that Arnold claims that he is not required to file any statement for the reason that he is a rancher and kills his own cattle, and sells them at wholesale.

Under this statement of facts, an opinion is requested.

Under date of April 13th, 1912, you were officially advised by this office as to the construction to be placed upon Section 1794, as amended by Chapter 72, Laws of 1909, and Section 1795, which constitutes the law on the subject.

See Opinions Attorney General, Volume 4, page 435;

See also Opinions Attorney General, Volume 5, page 399.

The conclusions announced in the opinions referred to are:

1. In every case where cattle are slaughtered, the hides with the ears attached must be preserved for ten days, and must be exhibited for examination upon demand being made by any person.

2. A person is regarded a butcher if he purchases stock and slaughters the same for market, in which event affidavits must be prepared and filed by him as provided in Section 1795.

3. If animals slaughtered are sold with the hide, the purchaser must make the statement.

Yours very truly,

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