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Mr. Bobby Norman, Director
Commission on Law Enforcement
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Dear Mr. Norman:

This letter is written in response to your request for an opinion regarding Livestock and Poultry Inspectors. Your specific question was whether Act 150 of 1985 bestows upon Livestock and Poultry Inspectors the power to make arrests for violation of misdemeanor laws of the State of Arkansas or whether their arrest powers are restricted to violations of Livestock and Poultry laws and livestock and poultry commission rules and regulations.

Act 150 of 1985 clarified and expanded the authority of the Livestock and Poultry Commission relating to the control and erradication of disease in livestock and poultry. Section 5 of this Act authorized the livestock inspectors to stop vehicles transporting livestock and to check the sanitary conditions and the health of the livestock. In addition this Section stated:

Such personnel of the commission are further authorized to make arrests or issue citations to appear in court to those parties involved in committing violations of laws and commission regulations designed to control and eradicate diseases in livestock and poultry in the State.

This Act goes on to require that these inspectors attend and successfully complete a curriculum offered by the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy.

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Livestock inspectors do not have the authority to enforce or make arrest for violations of the misdemeanor laws of the State of Arkansas unless they relate specifically to violations of livestock and poultry laws or violations of the livestock and poultry commission rules and regulations.

The foregoing opinion, which I hereby approve, was prepared by Assistant Attorney General Randel K. Miller.

Sincerely,



STEVE CLARK
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