

257.490 Designation of employees as peace officers -- Qualifications -- Powers -- Manual.

- (1) The Commissioner shall have the power to employ persons to serve as peace officers. All persons employed as peace officers by the department shall meet the qualifications set forth in KRS 15.380 to 15.404 concerning officer certification and training.
- (2) Officers employed by the department shall have full powers as peace officers and shall be limited to the enforcement of Department of Agriculture statutes and administrative regulations, except when it is necessary to enforce KRS Chapter 514 related to theft cases involving animals, KRS Chapter 516 related to forgery of animal health certificates, or KRS Chapter 525 related to animal cruelty, mistreatment, or torture.
- (3) The department shall establish and maintain an operational procedures manual outlining specific actions to be taken by officers pursuant to this section.

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