

AMENDMENTS TO LB 1092

1 1. Strike section 2 and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 "Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that
4 beginning August 1, 2001, the Department of Agriculture shall
5 implement a pilot program of state meat inspection at
6 establishments, as defined by section 54-1902, which process meat,
7 poultry, or meat and poultry products for human consumption for
8 entry into intrastate commerce. It is the intent of the
9 Legislature that such program of meat and poultry inspection shall
10 be limited to small-to-medium size establishments as determined by
11 rule and regulation of the department according to killing capacity
12 or weight or volume of product produced under inspection.

13 Sec. 3. The Department of Agriculture shall employ a
14 program administrator who shall be responsible for all aspects of
15 developing, implementing, and operating a state meat inspection
16 program. Such administrator shall coordinate all activities
17 necessary, including cooperation with the United States Secretary
18 of Agriculture, in order to prepare a state performance plan which
19 meets the federal requirements for certification of a state program
20 of meat and poultry inspection and includes requirements for ante
21 mortem and post mortem inspection, reinspection, sanitation, and
22 program management at least equal to those imposed under the
23 Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et seq., and the Poultry
24 Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et seq. The state may enter

1 into cooperative agreements with the United States Secretary of
2 Agriculture for financial, technical, and other assistance in order
3 to develop and maintain a state program of meat and poultry
4 inspection.

5 Sec. 4. On or before December 15, 2000, the Department
6 of Agriculture and the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature
7 shall provide a report to the Legislature which shall enumerate and
8 describe any actions necessary to implement a state pilot program
9 of meat and poultry inspection. The report shall recommend any
10 necessary changes to the Nebraska Meat and Poultry Inspection Law,
11 other statutory authority of the department, and any rules and
12 regulations promulgated thereto in order to effect the purposes of
13 section 2 of this act and to meet requirements for ante mortem and
14 post mortem inspection, reinspection, sanitation, and program
15 management requirements at least equal to those imposed under the
16 Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 601 et seq., and the federal
17 Poultry Products Inspection Act, 21 U.S.C. 451 et seq. The report
18 shall discuss anticipated participation in the program, including
19 the types and numbers of establishments where state meat and
20 poultry inspection would be maintained, and shall include a
21 detailed description of anticipated resources required to develop
22 and maintain a program of meat inspection.

23 Sec. 5. (1) Except as provided in subsection 2 of this
24 section, the state meat inspection pilot program shall terminate on
25 January 1, 2005. At the conclusion of the third year of the pilot
26 program, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of
27 Economic Development shall evaluate the number of establishments

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1 which have become state-inspected facilities, the number of animals
2 being processed at such establishments, and the economic impact of
3 plants utilizing the state meat inspection pilot program. The
4 departments shall report the results of the evaluation to the
5 Governor and the Legislature within six months after commencing the
6 evaluation.

7 (2) If state meat inspection is being maintained at fewer
8 than five establishments on or after August 1, 2003, the state meat
9 inspection pilot program shall be terminated. If the program is to
10 be terminated, inspection may continue at state inspected
11 establishments for a period of time necessary to enable such
12 establishments to process any remaining inventories, but such
13 period shall not be longer than two weeks.".