

AMENDMENTS TO LB235

Introduced by Agriculture.

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

3           Section 1. Section 54-1901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5           54-1901 Sections 54-1901 to 54-1915 and section 2 of this act may be  
6 cited as the Nebraska Meat and Poultry Inspection Law.

7           Sec. 2. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate one  
8 million dollars each fiscal year from the General Fund for fiscal years  
9 2022-23 and 2023-24 to the department for purposes of a pilot program for  
10 establishing a cooperative state inspection program under 21 U.S.C. 661,  
11 and 21 U.S.C. 454, as such sections existed on January 1, 2021. The  
12 unexpended and unobligated balance of the funds appropriated for the  
13 pilot program shall lapse to the General Fund at the end of each fiscal  
14 year.

15           (2) For purposes of the pilot program, the administrator shall be a  
16 licensed veterinarian employed by the department. The department shall  
17 provide staff support for the administrator. The administrator shall  
18 provide for certification of inspectors for the pilot program, including  
19 a program of instruction, an examination, and fees. In order to be  
20 eligible to be certified as an inspector for the pilot program, an  
21 individual shall be a licensed veterinarian who has experience with large  
22 animals.

23           (3) Up to ten licensed establishments may participate in the pilot  
24 program. A licensed establishment which chooses to participate in the  
25 pilot program shall contract with one or more certified inspectors for  
26 inspections under the pilot program. A certified inspector contracting  
27 with a licensed establishment shall not be considered an employee,

1 official, or agent of the department.

2 (4) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations  
3 for the pilot program.

4 Sec. 3. Original section 54-1901, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
5 Nebraska, is repealed.