

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 506

By: Stephens

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to meat and poultry inspections; authorizing the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to review methods of remote viewing or other digital inspection; requiring the Department to apply for use of inspection technology from the applicable federal agency; providing for promulgation of rules; limiting remote inspections to intrastate commerce unless otherwise approved; requiring the Department to keep videos confidential; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-181.2 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall review methods of remote viewing or other digital inspection technology for meat and poultry product inspections.

B. If the Department determines a suitable method of remote viewing or other digital inspection technology upon completion of the review, then the Department shall make application to the

1 federal agency governing meat and poultry inspection to request use  
2 of the technology.

3 C. Upon approval by the federal agency governing meat and  
4 poultry inspection, the Department shall promulgate rules to  
5 implement the use of remote viewing or other digital inspection  
6 technology.

7 D. The use of remote viewing or other digital inspection  
8 technology shall be restricted to inspections of meat and poultry  
9 products sold only in intrastate commerce, unless the federal agency  
10 governing meat and poultry inspection approves it for interstate  
11 commerce.

12 E. The videos from remote viewing or digital inspection  
13 obtained pursuant to this section shall be kept confidential by the  
14 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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