

## HOUSE BILL No. 2479

By Committee on Agriculture

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AN ACT concerning meat and poultry inspection; relating to mediation of disputes; amending K.S.A. 65-6a30 and repealing the existing section.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. K.S.A. 65-6a30 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6a30. (a) There shall be established by the state ~~board~~ department of agriculture a meat and poultry inspection program to enforce the provisions of the Kansas meat and poultry inspection act. The program shall be under the supervision of the ~~state board~~ secretary of agriculture and the secretary shall appoint such personnel as may be necessary for the proper administration of the Kansas meat and poultry inspection act.

(b) The ~~state board of agriculture~~ secretary shall make provision for the examination and inspection of all livestock, domestic rabbits and poultry, as provided for under the Kansas meat and poultry inspection act, and of all carcasses and parts thereof, of all meats and meat food products thereof, of all poultry and poultry products thereof and of the sanitary conditions of all establishments in which such carcasses, parts of carcasses and products are prepared. Authorized representatives of the secretary shall refuse to stamp, mark, tag or label any carcass or any part thereof or any meat food product therefrom which is prepared in any establishment until the carcass or part thereof or meat food product has actually been inspected and found to be not adulterated.

(c) The authorized representatives of the secretary shall perform such other duties as are provided by this act and by the rules and regulations adopted by the ~~state board of agriculture~~ secretary. The ~~state board of agriculture~~ secretary shall adopt and amend from time to time such rules and regulations as are necessary for the efficient execution of the provisions of this act. All inspections and examinations made under this act shall be made in the manner described in the rules and regulations adopted by the ~~state board of agriculture~~ secretary and shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

(d) *After an inspection as provided by this act and prior to the taking of any action by the secretary to enforce the provisions of this act against any establishment or person, an establishment or a person not in agree-*

1 *ment with any decision of the secretary may refer any such dispute to an*  
2 *approved dispute resolution program or individual pursuant to the pro-*  
3 *visions of K.S.A. 5-501 et seq.* After such a referral, the secretary shall not  
4 enforce the provisions of this act against such establishment or person  
5 until a mediation agreement has been reached between the establishment  
6 or person and the secretary or until the neutral person officially termi-  
7 nates the dispute resolution proceeding pursuant to the provisions of  
8 K.S.A. 5-501 *et seq.*

9 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-6a30 is hereby repealed.

10 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
11 publication in the statute book.

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