

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 162

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

AN ACT

RELATING TO FOOD; AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A STATE MEAT  
INSPECTION PROGRAM TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF MEAT FOR  
HUMAN CONSUMPTION; PROVIDING PENALTIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 25 NMSA 1978 is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] STATE MEAT INSPECTION PROGRAM--RULES--  
PENALTIES--COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.--

A. The New Mexico livestock board shall adopt rules  
necessary to establish a comprehensive state meat inspection  
program for the inspection, processing and sale of meat and  
poultry products that meets or exceeds the standards and  
requirements for a state meat inspection program under the  
Federal Meat Inspection Act, the federal Poultry Products

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1 Inspection Act and the federal Humane Methods of Slaughter Act  
2 of 1978, including rules to:

3 (1) license facilities engaged in the  
4 processing or manufacturing of meat and poultry products;

5 (2) deem horse meat slaughtered for human  
6 consumption as adulterated;

7 (3) establish license requirements and  
8 reasonable fees; and

9 (4) provide inspection services.

10 B. The New Mexico livestock board shall only  
11 administer and enforce the program established pursuant to  
12 Subsection A of this section if the board receives approval  
13 from the federal government for a state meat inspection  
14 program.

15 C. A person violating a rule adopted by the New  
16 Mexico livestock board pursuant to this section is guilty of a  
17 misdemeanor and upon conviction may be sentenced to  
18 imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed one  
19 year and payment of a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars  
20 (\$1,000), unless that person acted in good faith.

21 D. The New Mexico livestock board shall actively  
22 seek and maintain coordination with federal authorities to  
23 ensure alignment with and approval of the state meat inspection  
24 program."

25 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the

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1 provisions of this act is July 1, 2024.

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