

**HB 1613 - DIGEST**

Finds that: (1) Several states administer state meat and poultry inspection programs at facilities for which inspection by the federal food safety inspection service of the United States department of agriculture is not readily available; and

(2) A state inspection program would support the needs of local producers who wish to sell to local consumers, aid in developing niche markets and the supply of low-volume specialty meat products, and increase the ability to supply inspected meat products at farmers markets, retail outlets, and restaurants that specialize in locally produced agricultural products.

Provides that: (1) The meat and poultry inspection program established under the act enforce requirements that are at least equal to those imposed under federal law including the federal meat inspection act, the poultry products inspection act, and the humane methods of slaughter act; and

(2) Products inspected under the act may be sold in intrastate commerce.