

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 20, 2023

3 SENATE BILL NO. 506

By: Stephens and Hamilton

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

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

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

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

24 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.

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS
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