

65-6a59. Voluntary inspection of animals. (a) The secretary may make provision for voluntary inspection for animals other than livestock, poultry or rabbits which can or may be used in and for the preparation of meat or meat products, poultry or poultry products and establish such fees to cover the cost of providing such voluntary inspection services. The secretary shall consider adequate and efficient staffing and expertise prior to providing voluntary inspection services.

(b) A person requesting voluntary inspection services shall submit a request for inspection services on a form provided by the secretary.

(c) The secretary may refuse to provide voluntary inspection services due to staffing, inspector expertise or any other good cause shown. Priority in scheduling inspection services shall be given for inspection services mandated by the meat and poultry inspection act.

(d) The secretary may prescribe rules and regulations for the implementation of this section.

(e) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the meat and poultry inspection act.

History: L. 2012, ch. 145, § 26; July 1.