287.572 Administration; adoption of rules; minimum standards; inspection programs.

Sec. 2. (a) The director shall be responsible for the administration of this act. He shall make rules pertaining to the certification and licensing of slaughterhouses, edible rendering establishments and wholesale fabricating, processing or storage establishments handling meat products; prescribing minimum standards for approved meat inspection programs; prescribing minimum standards for a uniform state meat inspection program and to otherwise carrying out the provisions of this act in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 88 of the Public Acts of 1943, as amended, being sections 24.71 to 24.80 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, and subject to Act No. 197 of the Public Acts of 1952, as amended, being sections 24.101 to 24.110 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.

(b) The director shall evaluate and may approve meat inspection programs of district, county, city, township or village health departments. In any district, county, city, township or village that maintains a regular meat inspection program approved by the director, the slaughtering of meat animals and the inspection and reinspection of meat establishments and facilities under the provisions of this act shall be under the supervision of local officers operating under the jurisdiction of the director. Such activities under the director of the department shall in no manner affect the existing civil service status or possible pension rights of local officers and employees.
