**179.872 WORKER RIGHTS COORDINATOR.**

(a) The commissioner must appoint a meatpacking industry worker rights coordinator in the Department of Labor and Industry and provide the coordinator with necessary office space, furniture, equipment, supplies, and assistance.

(b) The commissioner must enforce sections 179.87 to 179.877, including inspecting, reviewing, and recommending improvements to the practices and procedures of meatpacking operations in Minnesota. A meat-processing employer must grant the commissioner full access to all meatpacking operations in this state at any time that meatpacking products are being processed or meat-processing workers are on the job.

(c) No later than December 1 each year, beginning December 1, 2024, the coordinator must submit a report to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over labor. The report must include recommendations to promote better treatment of meat-processing workers. The coordinator shall also post the report on the Department of Labor and Industry's website.

**History:** *2023 c 53 art 5 s 3*