Michigan Animal Industry Act, 1989*

287.707 State veterinarian as chief animal health official; appointment; qualifications; office facilities and laboratory services.

Sec. 7.

(1) The director shall appoint an individual as state veterinarian who shall be the chief animal health official of the state. The appointment shall be made in accordance with the rules of the state civil service commission. The individual appointed as state veterinarian shall maintain a current license to practice veterinary medicine in this state and be federally accredited in this state by the United States department of agriculture. The state veterinarian shall be skilled in the diagnosis, treatment, and control of infectious, contagious, and toxicological diseases of livestock. The state veterinarian shall also be knowledgeable of state and federal laws as they relate to the intrastate, interstate, and international movement of animals.

(2) Office facilities and laboratory services for the investigation of infectious, contagious, or toxicological diseases of animals shall be made available for the state veterinarian's use.

American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians - Accreditation Requirement

“As diagnostic laboratories are a vital part of disease surveillance and monitoring, finances must be available to sustain these assignments. Since these laboratories serve the public good, surveillance resources are not intended to be self sufficient financially and require public financial support commensurate with the public good derived.”