

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 992

BY: CHANDLER of the SENATE

and

HOWARD of the HOUSE

[ANIMALS - KILL AND DISPOSE OF CERTAIN ANIMALS -

EMERGENCY]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 99.1 of Title 4, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. "Free-roaming hog" shall mean a hog, existing in either a wild or domesticated state, which is not restrained or confined by the owner.

B. It shall not be a criminal offense for any person to kill and dispose of any free-roaming hog found damaging property not belonging to the owner of such free-roaming hog. Provided that any person who kills such a hog shall be liable to the owner or owners for the value of such hog not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). The owner or owners of any such hog that damages the property of another shall be jointly and severally liable to any person so damaged. The owner or owners are liable for the full amount of the injury done.

C. The district court for the county in which the property is damaged shall have jurisdiction to decide any and all questions of damages. Appeals shall be allowed in all such cases. Such appeals shall be prosecuted in such manner as prescribed by general statutes governing appeals.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 1992.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1992.

Speaker of the House of Representatives