

An Act relating to agriculture; creating the "Oklahoma Exotic Feline Regulation Act"; providing short title; defining terms; requiring permits for possession of Class I exotic felines; authorizing the State Board of Agriculture to promulgate rules for issuing permits for Class I exotic felines; authorizing certain exceptions; specifying conditions for permits; providing compensation to the State Department of Agriculture for implementation of act; setting fees for certain permits; specifying permit requirements; providing for inspections; providing for disposal of certain wildlife authorized by Class I permits; providing for violations; setting fines; requiring names and addresses of certain suppliers; providing for violations for certain conditions; providing exceptions; authorizing the State Department of Agriculture to promulgate rules for safe and sanitary living conditions for Class I felines; requiring persons who keep Class I felines to be liable for certain costs; exempting certain entities from liability; providing for transfer of Class I felines; requiring certain documents; requiring permits for breeding Class I felines; requiring nonresidents to have applicable permits for selling Class I felines; requiring all permits to comply with the United States Code and the Code of Federal Regulations relating to exotic animals; requiring certain importation permits; authorizing the State Department of Agriculture to take certain actions for certain violations; providing for notice; setting certain punishments and fines; providing for forfeiture and seizure; requiring appeals bond to cover court costs; requiring notification of escaped Class I feline; requiring notification of personal injury inflicted by a Class I feline; prohibiting persons from certain acts of violence against Class I felines; setting fine for certain violations; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Sections 4-107, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 7, O.S.L. 1996, 4-121, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 402, O.S.L. 1992, and 7-801, as amended by Section 18, Chapter 318, O.S.L. 1994 (29 O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 4-107, 4-121 and 7-801), which relate to commercial and noncommercial wildlife breeder's licenses, and hunting, buying and selling certain wildlife; adding language relating to licenses; providing for rules to be promulgated; authorizing certain uses; providing for violations; setting fines; clarifying language; deleting certain animals; repealing 29 O.S. 1991, Sections 4-122, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 318, O.S.L. 1994 and 4-123, as amended by Section 10, Chapter 318, O.S.L. 1994 (29 O.S. Supp. 1998, Sections 4-122 and 4-123), which relate to noncommercial wildlife breeder's license and penalties; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.