

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 286

By: Corn of the Senate  
and  
Armes of the House

[ agriculture - eradication - Red Imported Fire Ant -  
effective date -  
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 3-3 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It is the intention of the Legislature to provide for the eradication of the Red Imported Fire Ant, *Solenopsis invicta*, in Oklahoma. It is the intention of the Legislature to appropriate sufficient funds to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry in order to accomplish this goal.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

SECTION 3. 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 14th day of March, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2005.

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of Representatives