

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1720

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to agriculture; authorizing the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to operate an agritourism program; stating intent; stating duties; authorizing certain expenditures; and providing an effective date.

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 5-12 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall operate an "Oklahoma Agritourism" program for the purpose of stimulating economic growth and viability in rural communities by promoting and fostering agricultural tourism ventures within Oklahoma.

B. The Oklahoma Agritourism Program of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall:

1. Foster conferences, institutes, and exhibits on agricultural tourism opportunities;

2. Publish reports, surveys, news bulletins, or other materials pertaining to its findings, recommendations, and work;

3. Utilize existing Department resources and related programs; and

4. Cooperate with other state agencies and other organizations as needed in development of the program.

C. The Department may apply for, accept, and use any gift, grant, or bequest from any source for the purpose of discharging its duties.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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