

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
TO  
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 70

By: Ballenger and Crutchfield  
of the Senate

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4 and

5 Hyman of the House  
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7 An Act relating to agriculture; creating the Feral  
8 Swine Control Act; \* \* \* amending 4 O.S. 2001,  
9 Sections 85.1, 85.2, 98 and 99, which relate to  
10 estrays and the enclosure of animals; \* \* \* amending  
11 29 O.S. 2001, Section 4-135, as amended by Section 1,  
Chapter 193, O.S.L. 2004 (29 O.S. Supp. 2006, Section  
4-135), which relates to permits to control nuisance  
or damage by wildlife; \* \* \* providing for  
codification; and providing an effective date.

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14 AUTHORS: Remove Hyman as principal House author and substitute  
15 Shoemake as principal House author and show Hyman as first  
16 coauthor and add the following House Coauthors: Armes,  
DeWitt, Denney, Hickman, McNiel, Renegar, Richardson,  
Brannan, Cannaday, Hoskin, Kiesel and Smithson

17 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill  
18 and insert

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“( Professions and occupations - Large Animal

20 Veterinarian Incentive Act - codification -

21 effective date )

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 698.31 of Title 59, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Large Animal  
5 Veterinarian Incentive Act".

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 698.32 of Title 59, unless there  
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 As used in the Large Animal Veterinarian Incentive Act:

10 1. "Veterinary Center" means the Center for Veterinary Health  
11 Sciences at Oklahoma State University;

12 2. "Program" means the veterinary training program for rural  
13 Oklahoma established pursuant to Section 3 of this act; and

14 3. "Program agreement" means an agreement to meet all the  
15 obligations provided in Section 3 of this act by a person who is a  
16 first-year veterinary student at the Veterinary Center or currently  
17 practicing large animal veterinarian in exchange for the benefits  
18 provided in Section 3 of this act.

19 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 698.33 of Title 59, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. There is hereby established the veterinary training program  
23 for rural Oklahoma to be administered by the Oklahoma State  
24 University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences. The program shall

1 be developed and implemented in order to provide encouragement,  
2 opportunities, and incentives for persons pursuing a veterinary  
3 medicine degree at Oklahoma State University to locate their  
4 veterinary practice in rural Oklahoma communities, and receive  
5 specialized training targeted to meet the needs of livestock  
6 producers in rural Oklahoma communities.

7 B. Subject to available funds, each year the Veterinary Center  
8 may enter into program agreements with up to three first-year  
9 veterinary students or currently practicing large animal  
10 veterinarians with qualifying school loans, as determined by the  
11 Veterinary Center. Preference shall be given to those students and  
12 large animal veterinarians who are Oklahoma residents and who agree  
13 to serve in a community as described in paragraph 3 of subsection D  
14 of this section, which is determined by the Veterinary Center to be  
15 an underserved area for the practice of veterinary medicine.

16 C. Subject to available funds, each student or large animal  
17 veterinarian entering into a program agreement under this section  
18 shall receive assistance in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand  
19 Dollars (\$20,000.00) per year for not more than four (4) years for  
20 tuition, books, supplies, and other school expenses, and travel and  
21 training expenses incurred by the student in pursuing a veterinary  
22 medicine degree. Upon satisfaction of all commitments under the  
23 provisions of the agreement and the provisions of this section, the  
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1 financial obligations pursuant to this section shall be deemed  
2 satisfied and forgiven.

3 D. Each program agreement shall require that the person  
4 receiving the assistance:

5 1. Complete the veterinary medicine degree program at the  
6 Veterinary Center;

7 2. Complete all requirements in public health, livestock  
8 biosecurity, foreign animal disease diagnosis, regulatory veterinary  
9 medicine and zoonotic disease, and an externship and mentoring  
10 requirement with a licensed, accredited veterinarian in rural  
11 Oklahoma as required by the Veterinary Center;

12 3. Engage in the full-time practice of veterinary medicine in  
13 any community in Oklahoma which has a population not exceeding  
14 twenty-five thousand (25,000) as determined by the most recent  
15 Federal Decennial Census at the time the person entered into the  
16 program agreement for a period of at least twelve (12) continuous  
17 months for each separate year a student receives assistance under  
18 the program, unless the obligation is otherwise satisfied as  
19 provided in this section. If, after the date a program agreement  
20 was entered into by the parties, a community no longer meets the  
21 maximum population requirements provided in this paragraph, a person  
22 engaging in the full-time practice of veterinary medicine pursuant  
23 to the program agreement shall continue to practice in that  
24 designated community; and

1       4. Commence the full-time practice of veterinary medicine in  
2 that community within ninety (90) days after completion of the  
3 person's degree program, or if the person enters a postdegree  
4 training program, such as a graduate school or internship or  
5 residency program, within ninety (90) days after completion of the  
6 postdegree training program.

7       E. Upon the failure of a person to satisfy the obligation to  
8 engage in the full-time practice of veterinary medicine in  
9 accordance with the provisions of this section, that person shall  
10 repay to the Veterinary Center, within ninety (90) days of the  
11 failure, the amount equal to the assistance provided to the person  
12 less a prorated amount based on any periods of practice of  
13 veterinary medicine meeting the requirements of this section, plus  
14 interest at the prime rate of interest plus two percent (2%) from  
15 the date the assistance accrued. The interest shall be compounded  
16 annually.

17       F. An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary  
18 medicine in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be  
19 postponed during:

20       1. Any period of temporary medical disability during which the  
21 person obligated is unable to practice veterinary medicine due to  
22 the disability; and

23       2. Any other period of postponement agreed to or determined in  
24 accordance with criteria agreed to in the practice agreement.

1 G. An obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary  
2 medicine in accordance with the provisions of the agreement and this  
3 section shall be satisfied:

4 1. If the obligation to engage in the practice of veterinary  
5 medicine in accordance with the agreement has been completed;

6 2. If, because of permanent disability, the person obligated is  
7 unable to practice veterinary medicine; or

8 3. The person who is obligated dies.

9 H. The Veterinary Center may adopt additional provisions,  
10 requirements, or conditions to participate in this program as are  
11 practicable and appropriate to accomplish the provisions of the  
12 program or may be required for the implementation or administration  
13 of the program, and are not inconsistent with the provisions of this  
14 section.

15 I. The Veterinary Center shall not enter into any program  
16 agreements pursuant to the provisions of this section after July 1,  
17 2018. All agreements entered into prior to such date shall be  
18 valid.

19 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008."  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of April, 2008.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

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6 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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9 Presiding Officer of the Senate