

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2151

By: Armes, McMullen, Renegar,  
Smithson and Cannaday of  
the House

and

Schulz of the Senate

An Act relating to agriculture; authorizing the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to be the state entity to implement certain policies on the care and handling of livestock; prohibiting political subdivisions from enacting or enforcing certain ordinances or regulations; clarifying status of certain ordinances or regulations; providing for codification; and declaring an 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 2-4c of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Except as may otherwise be provided by law, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall be the state entity empowered to implement the policy of the state regarding the care and handling of livestock in this state.

B. No municipality, county, or other political subdivision of this state shall enact or enforce any order, ordinance, or regulation concerning the care and handling of livestock within its jurisdiction that is more restrictive than rules promulgated by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry concerning the care and handling of livestock or Section 1685 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Ordinances or regulations by municipalities

pertaining to land use or to human health or safety shall not be considered to constitute livestock care and handling.

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 House of Representatives the 5th day of May, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 7th day of April, 2009.

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