

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 HOUSE BILL 2345

By: Richardson

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to agriculture; creating the Oklahoma  
8 Livestock Care Standards Board; stating purpose of  
9 the Board; stating duties of the Board; providing for  
10 membership; limiting composition of the Board;  
11 stating authority of the Board to establish certain  
12 standards; requiring consideration of certain  
13 factors; directing the Oklahoma Department of  
14 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to administer and  
15 enforce the standards; providing for enactment of  
16 certain laws; providing for codification; and  
17 providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-601 of Title 2, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Livestock Care  
23 Standards Board for the purpose of establishing standards governing  
24 the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in this state. In  
25 carrying out its purpose, the Board shall endeavor to maintain food  
26 safety, encourage locally grown and raised food, and protect

1 Oklahoma farms and families. The Board shall be comprised of the  
2 following thirteen (13) members:

3 1. The Commissioner of Agriculture who shall be the chairperson  
4 of the Board;

5 2. Nine members appointed by the Governor with the advice and  
6 consent of the Senate. The nine members appointed by the Governor  
7 shall be residents of this state and shall include the following:

8 a. one member representing family farms,

9 b. one member who is knowledgeable about food safety in  
10 this state,

11 c. two members representing statewide organizations that  
12 represent farmers,

13 d. one member who is a veterinarian who is licensed in  
14 this state,

15 e. one member who is a dean of the agriculture department  
16 of an institution that is a member of The Oklahoma  
17 State System of Higher Education,

18 f. two members of the public representing Oklahoma  
19 consumers, and

20 g. one member representing a county humane society that  
21 is organized under state law;

22 3. The State Veterinarian in the Oklahoma Department of  
23 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; and

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1           4. Two members who are family farmers, one selected by the  
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives and one selected by the  
3 President Pro Tempore of the State Senate.

4           B. Not more than seven members appointed to the Board at any  
5 given time shall be of the same political party.

6           C. The Board shall have authority to establish standards  
7 governing the care and well-being of livestock and poultry in this  
8 state, subject to the authority of the Legislature. In establishing  
9 those standards, the Board shall consider factors that include, but  
10 are not limited to, agricultural best management practices for care  
11 and well-being, biosecurity, disease prevention, animal morbidity  
12 and mortality data, food safety practices, and the protection of  
13 local, affordable food supplies for consumers.

14           D. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry  
15 shall have the authority to administer and enforce the standards  
16 established by the Board.

17           E. The Legislature may enact laws that it deems necessary to  
18 carry out the purposes of this section, to facilitate the execution  
19 of the duties of the Board and the Oklahoma Department of  
20 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry under this section, and to set the  
21 terms of office of the Board members and conditions for service on  
22 the Board.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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