

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2553

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to animal abuse registration;  
8 defining term; directing certain persons to register;  
9 requiring certain information be provided following  
10 registration; directing county sheriff to obtain  
11 certain information; requiring registration renewal;  
12 prohibiting animal abuser from owning animal for  
13 certain period of time; declaring certain actions to  
14 be a felony; directing county sheriff to maintain a  
15 registry, forward certain information and contact  
16 certain entities; directing Department of Corrections  
17 to maintain a central registry; providing for  
18 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 600 of Title 57, unless there is  
22 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. For purposes of this section, an "animal abuser" means a  
24 person over eighteen (18) years of age who has been convicted of a  
felony violation of a crime provided for in Sections 1680 through  
1700 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes or of the comparable  
statutes of another state.

1 B. Any animal abuser physically within the boundaries of this  
2 state for more than ten (10) consecutive days shall register with  
3 the county sheriff for the county in which the animal abuser is  
4 located before the end of the eleventh day in the state.

5 C. Any previously registered animal abuser shall reregister  
6 with the county sheriff for the county in which the animal abuser is  
7 located no later than ten (10) days after moving to a new location  
8 within the state.

9 D. When an animal abuser registers with the county sheriff, the  
10 animal abuser shall provide the following registration information:

11 1. The legal name and any other names or aliases that the  
12 animal abuser is using or has used;

13 2. The date of birth of the animal abuser;

14 3. The social security number of the animal abuser;

15 4. The current address or location of the animal abuser;

16 5. The place of employment of the animal abuser; and

17 6. The animal protection offense for which the animal abuser  
18 was convicted and the date and place of the animal protection  
19 offense conviction of the animal abuser.

20 E. When an animal abuser registers with a county sheriff, the  
21 sheriff shall obtain:

22 1. A photograph of the animal abuser and a complete set of the  
23 animal abuser's fingerprints; and

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1        2. A description of any tattoos, scars or other distinguishing  
2 features on the animal abuser's body that would assist in  
3 identifying the animal abuser.

4        F. Following an animal abuser's initial registration pursuant  
5 to the provisions of this section, an animal abuser shall annually  
6 renew the animal abuser's registration with the county sheriff prior  
7 to December 31 of each subsequent calendar year for a period of  
8 fifteen (15) years.

9        G. For every year the animal abuser renews the animal abuser's  
10 registration with the county sheriff, the animal abuser shall not  
11 own or have in his or her possession, actual care, custody, control  
12 or management of any animal.

13        H. An animal abuser who intentionally or knowingly fails to  
14 comply with the registration requirements or provides false  
15 information when complying with the registration requirements set  
16 forth in this section shall be guilty of a felony.

17        I. Each county sheriff shall maintain a local registry of  
18 animal abusers in the sheriff's jurisdiction required to register  
19 pursuant to this section.

20        1. The county sheriff shall forward all registration  
21 information obtained from animal abusers to the Oklahoma Department  
22 of Corrections.

23        2. Within ten (10) days of receiving initial registration  
24 information from an animal abuser, the county sheriff shall contact

1 every residence, school, humane society, animal shelter and any  
2 other business within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the animal  
3 abuser's residence or location and provide them with the animal  
4 abuser's registration information, with the exception of the animal  
5 abuser's social security number.

6 J. The Oklahoma Department of Corrections shall maintain a  
7 central registry of animal abusers required to register pursuant to  
8 the provisions of this section. The central registry of animal  
9 abusers shall be made available to the public through Internet  
10 access, telephone access, written access and in-person access. All  
11 of the information contained in an animal abuser's registration,  
12 with the exception of the animal abuser's social security number,  
13 shall be made available. Records of each animal abuser's  
14 registration shall be maintained for the duration of the fifteen-  
15 year period in which the animal abuser is required to be registered.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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