HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

HOUSE BILL 1431 By: Stone

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to cities and towns; requiring an animal control office to respond in-person to certain complaints; defining terms; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2011, Section 22-115, is amended to read as follows:

Section 22-115. A. The municipal governing body may regulate or prohibit animals from running at large. Animals which are running at large may be impounded and sold to discharge any costs and penalties established by the governing body and the expense of impounding, keeping or sale of such animals. The governing body may also provide for the erection of pens, pounds, and buildings for the use of the municipality, within or without the municipal limits, and appoint and compensate keepers thereof, and establish and enforce rules governing the pens, pounds or buildings. The governing body may also regulate and provide for taxing the owners and harborers of

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dogs, and authorize the killing of dogs which are found at large in violation of any ordinance regulating the same.

B. Upon any complaint received by an animal control office that an animal is running at large within the incorporated city limits, the animal control office shall cause an in-person response to the complaint by an animal control officer or local law enforcement officer. For purposes of this subsection:

1. "Animal control office" means any municipal animal control office or municipal entity acting alone or in concert with other local governmental units for enforcement of the animal control laws of the city, county and state and the shelter and welfare of animals in a city or town with a population of more than three hundred thousand (300,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census; and

2. "Animal control officer" means any individual employed, contracted with, or appointed by the animal control office for the purpose of aiding the enforcement of any law or ordinance relating to the licensure of animals, control of animals or seizure and impoundment of animals.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, dated 02/19/2015 - DO PASS.

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