

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1729

By: Holt of the Senate

3 and

4 Renegar of the House

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6 An Act relating to animals; amending 4 O.S. 2011,
7 Sections 501 and 508, which relate to disposal of
8 animals held in shelter; removing administration of
9 carbon monoxide as an acceptable method of
10 euthanasia; modifying exemptions of certain cities
11 and towns; repealing 4 O.S. 2011, Sections 503 and
12 504, which relate to carbon monoxide administration
13 and equipment; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2011, Section 501, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 501. A. Any dog, cat or any other animal which is kept
18 for pleasure rather than utility in or about a household, held by or
19 in the custody of a private or public animal shelter or agency and
20 not reclaimed by the owner, may be disposed of only by:

21 1. Adoption as a pet in a suitable home;

22 2. Delivery to a licensed educational or research institution
23 in accordance with the provisions of Sections 391 through 402 of
24 this title; or

3. Euthanasia by only one of the following methods:

a. administration of denatured sodium pentobarbital, or

1 b. ~~the use of a carbon monoxide chamber, using~~
2 ~~commercially compressed cylinder gas; provided that~~
3 ~~kittens and puppies under sixteen (16) weeks of age~~
4 ~~shall not be euthanized with carbon monoxide but with~~
5 ~~injections of denatured sodium pentobarbital, or~~

6 e. any other method approved by the Animal Industries
7 Services Division of the State Department of
8 Agriculture which shall include current acceptable
9 euthanasia recommendations from the American
10 Veterinary Medical Association, with the exception of
11 curariform derivative drugs. The following
12 requirements must be met to ensure the euthanasia
13 agent is humane:

14 (1) the method should be as painless as possible to
15 the animal as determined by the best available
16 medical and scientific knowledge and technology,

17 (2) the animal should be kept as free from anxiety
18 and fear as possible,

19 (3) the technique should be:

20 (a) simple enough to be used by relatively
21 unskilled personnel,

22 (b) legally available to all animal shelters and
23 humane societies,
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1 (c) as mechanically simple and maintenance free
2 as possible within reasonable cost, and
3 (d) physically safe for personnel using it.

4 B. Death should be confirmed by cessation of vital signs.

5 Professional judgment should be used in consideration of the animal
6 species and method of euthanasia to determine the means of
7 confirming death.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2011, Section 508, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 508. The provisions of Sections ~~4~~ 502 through ~~7~~ 507 of
11 this ~~act~~ title shall not apply to any municipality with a population
12 of ten thousand (10,000) or less persons according to the latest
13 Federal Decennial Census. However, unclaimed animals must be
14 destroyed by an acceptable, humane method.

15 SECTION 3. REPEALER 4 O.S. 2011, Sections 503 and 504,
16 are hereby repealed.

17 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.
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1 Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2014.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2014.

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10 of Representatives