HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 299

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By: Fields of the Senate

and

Biggs and Murdock of the House

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1716, which relates to the theft of domestic animals; modifying certain penalties; updating language; requiring portion of collected restitution be paid to victim and certain revolving fund; clarifying scope of penalty; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1716, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1716. A. Any person in this state who shall steal any horse, jackass, jennet, mule, cow, hog, or implement of husbandry, as defined in Section 1-125 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction shall be punished,

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be guilty of a felony punishable by confinement in the State

Penitentiary custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than three (3) years, nor more than ten (10) fifteen (15) years; and any, and by restitution in an amount that is equal to three times the value of the animals or implement of husbandry that was stolen.

- B. Any person in this state who shall steal any dog, sheep, or goat, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony and upon conviction therefor shall be punished punishable by confinement in the State Penitentiary custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than six (6) months, nor more than three (3) years, or and by a fine restitution in an amount that is equal to three times the value of the animals and machinery that were stolen but not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.
- C. Two-thirds (2/3) of the restitution collected in subsection

 A or B of this section shall be paid to the owner of the animal or

 implement of husbandry and one-third (1/3) of the restitution

 collected shall be paid to the State Department of Agriculture

 Revolving Fund and shall be utilized solely for the benefit of the

 agriculture law enforcement agents commissioned pursuant to the

 provisions of Section 6-310 of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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1	D. For purposes of this section, each animal that is stolen
2	shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as a
3	separate violation.
4	E. The word "horse" as used in this section includes all
5	animals of the equine species and the word "cow" includes all
6	animals of <u>the</u> bovine species.
7	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.
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9	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS, dated 03/18/2015 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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