

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION 1007

By: Roberts (Dustin)

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution urging the repeal of the Veterinary Feed Directive; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the federal Food and Drug Administration's final rule entitled the "Veterinary Feed Directive" was enacted on October 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, under these regulations, a livestock farmer, rancher, or animal producer could only use certain antibiotics with the authorization of a veterinarian in the form of a directive; and

WHEREAS, the Veterinary Feed Directive dramatically changed the process of accessing and administering antibiotics to livestock as well as the relationship among veterinarians, feed suppliers and farmers; and

WHEREAS, the Veterinary Feed Directive has caused hardships for Oklahoma farmers and ranchers, putting

1 livestock in inhumane circumstances as their care is delayed
2 or in some cases unattainable; and

3 Whereas, Oklahoma farmers and ranchers are devoted to
4 continuing to produce the safest food supply in the entire
5 world, supplying completely antibiotic-free meat to consumers
6 worldwide; and

7 WHEREAS, Oklahoma farmers and ranchers are committed to
8 raising healthy animals through the judicious use of
9 antibiotics in giving care to their animals; and

10 WHEREAS, Oklahoma farmers and ranchers are capable to
11 prevent most disease with the used of antimicrobials; and

12 WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives believes
13 that Oklahomans are the most qualified to determine health,
14 safety, and well-being of the animals under their care
15 through medicated and nonmedicated feed.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
17 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

18 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the repeal of
19 the Veterinary Feed Directive and hereby encourages the Oklahoma
20 Congressional Delegation and the United States Congress to support
21 the repeal of the Veterinary Feed Directive.

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1 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to each member of the
2 Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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