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February 11, 2019

SENATE BILL NO. 543

By: Pederson and Murdock

An Act relating to feral swine; amending 2 O.S. 2011, Section 6-603, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 32, O.S.L. 2012 (2 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 6-603), which relates to the Feral Swine Control Act; modifying definition; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2011, Section 6-603, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 32, O.S.L. 2012 (2 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 6-603), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-603. As used in the Feral Swine Control Act:

1. "Daylight" means the period of time beginning when the sun rises and ending when the sun sets;

2. "Feral swine" means any ~~hog, pig, or swine~~ domestic or wild
animal of the species (Sus scrofa) including, but not limited to,
~~Russian and European wild~~ Sus scrofa with Eurasian boar or heritage
breed ancestry, or any Sus scrofa that are or have been running at
large, free roaming, or wild upon public or private lands ~~in this~~

1 state, or have been captured, hunted, pursued, maintained, utilized,
2 or released for any sporting purposes;

3 3. "Owner" means any person with title to the real property or
4 a person that has obtained a right to the possession and use of a
5 certain space, property, or subsurface right for a definite period
6 of time through a contractual lease. In the event a person is
7 permitted to come upon the real property to perform some specific
8 act including, but not limited to, hunting, removing feral swine, or
9 fishing, that person has no "lease" but only a "license" to do that
10 act;

11 4. "Remove" means to change the location of, eliminate, or
12 attempt to eliminate feral swine by a variety of methods including,
13 but not limited to, hunting, killing, taking, trapping, and
14 catching; and

15 5. "Judas pig tagging system" means a population control
16 technique where a radio-collared feral swine is released into a
17 control area and, after a sufficient period to allow it to join
18 other feral swine, it is tracked down and all swine associated with
19 the collared swine are removed.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE
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