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An Act relating to livestock diseases; amending 2
O.S. 2011, Section 6-2, which relates to the
authority of the State Veterinarian; authorizing the
State Veterinarian to issue stop movement orders; and
providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2011, Section 6-2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-2. A. The State Board of Agriculture shall be the official livestock and poultry disease control agency of the State of Oklahoma. The Board shall have authority to promulgate and enforce rules governing the handling, sale, and use of vaccines, antigens, and other biological products used in connection with livestock or poultry.

B. In addition to other statutory authority, the State Veterinarian, upon obtaining concurrence of the State Board of Agriculture, may issue emergency orders governing animals in order to protect the citizens and animals of the state from diseases and pests of animals, including the following to:

1. Prohibit or impose conditions on importing animals into the state;
2. Require testing of animals;
3. Require vaccination or other treatment of animals;
4. Prohibit or impose conditions on moving animals within the state;
5. Issue stop movement orders for all livestock in the state to determine the precise location of a foreign animal disease in accordance with foreign animal disease response plans;
6. Govern the disposition of animals; and
- ~~6.~~ 7. Impose other measures governing animals to protect the citizens and animals of the state from diseases and pests of animals.

C. Emergency orders issued pursuant to this section shall expire on the date set in the order or upon the elapse of ninety (90) days; however, the State Veterinarian may renew the order for successive ninety-day periods.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE
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