

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1620

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An Act relating to agriculture; declaring legislative intent; prohibiting the banning of the right of Oklahomans to engage in agritourism activities; requiring agricultural activities be engaged in compliance with certain regulations; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-17a of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The right of Oklahomans to engage in agritourism activities is ingrained in the historical fabric of the State of Oklahoma. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to preserve such activities for future generations of Oklahomans.

B. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the rights of Oklahomans to engage in agritourism activities shall not be

1 banned by any county, municipality, state agency or political
2 subdivision. Agritourism activities shall only be engaged in a
3 lawful manner and in compliance with health and safety zoning
4 requirements, as well as health and safety regulations, by the state
5 and local governments.

6 C. "Agritourism activities" as used in this section means
7 utilizing livestock or other animals for entertainment or
8 educational purposes. This shall include horseback riding, horse-
9 drawn carriage rides, livestock and other animal shows, petting
10 zoos, rodeos, activities that historically involved the utilization
11 of working animals and other substantially similar activities.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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