

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1620

By: Mize and Steagall of the
House

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4 Montgomery of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to agriculture; declaring legislative
8 intent; prohibiting the banning of the right of
9 Oklahomans to engage in agritourism activities;
10 requiring agricultural activities be engaged in
11 compliance with certain regulations; defining term;
12 providing for codification; providing for
13 noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
16 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

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

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

24 A. 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, pursuant to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act and in
4 compliance with health and safety zoning requirements, as well as
5 health and safety regulations, by the state and local governments.

6 B. "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 farms, rodeos, activities that historically involved the utilization
11 of working animals and other substantially similar activities.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

13 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

17 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2021.

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