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March 1, 2021

SENATE BILL NO. 775

By: Murdock and Pederson of the  
Senate

and

Newton of the House

An Act relating to livestock; authorizing the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to create the Livestock Offender Registry; authorizing the promulgation of rules; authorizing the Department to contract with certain entities; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1716, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 89, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1716), which relates to the larceny of livestock or implements of husbandry; requiring registry of certain persons in the Livestock Offender Registry; requiring submission of certain records to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry; 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 2-16.1 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry is authorized to create and maintain the Livestock Offender Registry. Access to the registry shall be provided to the public on the Department's website.

1 B. The Livestock Offender Registry shall contain all persons  
2 convicted of violating Section 1716 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma  
3 Statutes.

4 C. The Department may promulgate rules to implement the  
5 provisions of this section.

6 D. The Department is authorized to contract with a statewide  
7 livestock organization, as defined in Section 4-2 of Title 2 of the  
8 Oklahoma Statutes, to create and maintain the Livestock Offender  
9 Registry.

10 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1716, as  
11 amended by Section 1, Chapter 89, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
12 Section 1716), is amended to read as follows:

13 Section 1716. A. Any person in this state who shall steal any  
14 horse, jackass, jennet, mule, cow, hog or implement of husbandry as  
15 defined in Section 1-125 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall,  
16 upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in  
17 the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less  
18 than three (3) years nor more than ten (10) years, or by a fine in  
19 an amount that is equal to three times the value of animals and  
20 machinery that were stolen but not more than Five Hundred Thousand  
21 Dollars (\$500,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each  
22 head of cattle stolen may constitute a separate offense and may be  
23 punishable as a separate violation.

1 B. Any person in this state who shall steal any dog, sheep or  
2 goat shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by  
3 imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a  
4 term of not less than six (6) months nor more than three (3) years,  
5 or by a fine in an amount that is equal to three times the value of  
6 the animals that were stolen but not more than Five Hundred Thousand  
7 Dollars (\$500,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

8 C. The word "horse" as used in this section includes all  
9 animals of the equine species, and the word "cow" includes all  
10 animals of the bovine species.

11 D. Persons convicted of violating the provisions of subsection  
12 A of this section shall be registered by the Oklahoma Department of  
13 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry in the Livestock Offender Registry  
14 created in Section 1 of this act.

15 E. The county in which the offender is convicted shall submit a  
16 certified copy of the judgment and sentence confirming the  
17 conviction for entry in the Livestock Offender Registry to the  
18 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry or, if  
19 designated by the Department, to a statewide livestock organization.

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
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