

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1356

By: Hardin of the House

and

**Woods** of the Senate

11                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12           An Act relating to agriculture; creating Kenny's Law;  
13           providing short title; defining terms; requiring  
14           gates to remain closed at all times; allowing for  
15           certain exceptions; prescribing penalties for  
16           violation; authorizing the promulgation of rules;  
17           providing statement of intent; providing for  
18           noncodification; providing for codification; and  
19           providing an effective date.

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

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

22           This act shall be known and may be cited as "Kenny's Law".

1       SECTION 2.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-34 of Title 2, unless there is  
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4       A. As used in this act:

5       1. "Livestock" means the same as defined in Section 1-3 of  
6 Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

7       2. "Maintenance" means the functional checking, servicing,  
8 repairing, or replacing of necessary infrastructure conducted by the  
9 property owner, utility company, municipality, or state or federal  
10 agency.

11       B. All gates that are part of an enclosure or barrier designed  
12 to contain livestock shall remain closed at all times, except when:

13       1. Ingress or egress is in progress; provided, that the ingress  
14 or egress shall be reasonable and not prolonged as to allow persons  
15 to enter and leave without causing containment of livestock to be  
16 compromised;

17       2. Maintenance is occurring within the property;

18       3. Livestock are being moved from one area to another; or

19       4. The livestock owner, utility company, municipality, or any  
20 state or federal agency has a functional reason to access the  
21 enclosed area.

22       C. A person with or without express permission to access a  
23 livestock or landowner's land shall be in violation of this act if  
24 he or she knowingly and maliciously:

1        1. Leaves a gate open that is part of an enclosure or barrier  
2 designed to contain livestock on private or public property;

3        2. Damages any part of a gate that is part of an enclosure or  
4 barrier designed to contain livestock, which compromises the  
5 containment of livestock; or

6        3. Allows livestock to escape containment.

7        D. Individuals in violation of this act shall be deemed guilty  
8 of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine  
9 no more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each separate  
10 offense or imprisonment in a county jail for no more than one  
11 hundred eighty (180) days for each separate offense, or by both fine  
12 and imprisonment, for the first and second convictions. Third and  
13 subsequent convictions for this violation shall be punished by no  
14 more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for each  
15 separate offense or imprisonment in a county jail for not more than  
16 one (1) year for each separate offense, or by both fine and  
17 imprisonment. Individuals in violation of this section shall also  
18 incur all financial liability from damages caused.

19        E. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry  
20 may promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this  
21 act.

22        F. The express intent of this law is to protect farmers,  
23 livestock owners, the public, and land owners from malicious acts of  
24

1 damage, allowance of livestock to escape, and negligence on the part  
2 of others.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.  
4

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 03/05/2025 - DO PASS,  
6 As Amended and Coauthored.  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24