

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE BILL 2163

By: Pederson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to agriculture; creating Kenny's Law; providing short title; defining terms; requiring gates to remain closed at all times; allowing for certain exceptions; providing for violations of this act; prescribing penalties for violation; requiring promulgation of rules; providing for noncodification; 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 not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

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

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-35 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this act:

1. "Gate" means a hinged, sliding, or otherwise movable barrier used to control entry or exit through an opening in an enclosure, fence, or wall;

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

3       3. "Maintenance" means the functional checking, servicing,  
4 repairing, or replacing of necessary infrastructure conducted by the  
5 property owner, utility company, municipality, or state or federal  
6 agency.

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

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

13       2. Maintenance is occurring within the property;

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

15       4. The livestock owner, utility company, municipality, or any  
16 state or federal agency has a functional reason to access the  
17 enclosed area.

18       C. A person shall be in violation of this act if he or she  
19 knowingly or maliciously:

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

22       2. Damages any part of the gate that is part of an enclosure or  
23 barrier designed to contain livestock, which compromises the  
24 containment of livestock; or  
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1        3. Allows livestock to escape containment.

2        D. A person who violates the provisions of this act shall be  
3 deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be  
4 punishable by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)  
5 for each separate offense, imprisonment in a county jail for not  
6 more than one hundred eighty (180) days for each separate offense,  
7 or by both such fine and imprisonment, for the first and second  
8 convictions. Third and subsequent convictions shall be punishable  
9 by a fine not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
10 (\$2,500.00) for each separate offense, imprisonment in a county jail  
11 for not more than one (1) year for each separate offense, or by both  
12 such fine and imprisonment. A person who violates the provisions of  
13 this section shall also incur all financial liability for damages  
14 caused by the violation.

15        E. The State Board of Agriculture shall promulgate rules  
16 necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

17        SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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