

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to animals; creating the Oklahoma
8 Animal Abuse Offender Registry Act; creating a
9 registry within the Oklahoma State Bureau of
10 Investigation; providing persons convicted of
11 violating certain animal abuse crimes shall be
12 registered; requiring the Bureau to maintain the
13 registry; requiring registry to contain certain
14 information; requiring district court clerks to
15 forward case information to Bureau; providing length
16 of time violator's information shall be maintained;
17 authorizing persons with deferred sentence to apply
18 to Bureau to be removed from registry; requiring
19 registry website be available for public viewing;
20 directing the Bureau to promulgate certain rules;
21 amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1685, as amended by
22 Section 165, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp.
23 2025, Section 1685), which relates to cruelty to
24 animals; increasing punishment; 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 901 of Title 4, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma
Animal Abuse Offender Registry Act".

1 B. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma State Bureau of
2 Investigation a registry of persons who, after November 1, 2026,
3 have been convicted, whether upon a verdict or plea of guilty or a
4 plea of nolo contendere, or received a suspended sentence or any
5 deferred or probationary term, or are currently serving a sentence
6 or any form of probation or parole for a crime or attempt to commit
7 a crime in violation of:

- 8 1. Section 1680.2 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 9 2. Section 1681 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 10 3. Section 1682 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 11 4. Section 1683 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 12 5. Section 1685 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 13 6. Section 1685.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 14 7. Section 1686 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 15 8. Section 1688 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 16 9. Section 1689 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 17 10. Section 1691 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 18 11. Sections 1692.1 through 1692.9 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma
19 Statutes;
- 20 12. Sections 1693 through 1699.2 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma
21 Statutes; and
- 22 13. Section 1700 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

23 C. The registry created in subsection B of this section shall
24 be maintained by the Bureau.

1 D. The registry shall consist of the following information:

2 1. Name and address of the person;

3 2. Date of birth of the person;

4 3. The offense or offenses which made the person eligible for
5 inclusion on the registry;

6 4. The date of conviction or the date that a plea of guilty or
7 nolo contendere was accepted by the court for any violation of an
8 offense provided for in subsection B of this section;

9 5. The county where the offense or offenses occurred; and

10 6. Such other identifying data as the Bureau determines is
11 necessary to properly identify the person.

12 E. Beginning November 1, 2026, all district court clerks shall
13 forward a copy of the judgment and sentence or other applicable
14 information relating to the disposition of the criminal case and
15 date of birth of all persons who are subject to the provisions of
16 the Oklahoma Animal Abuse Offender Registry Act for a violation of
17 the offenses described in subsection B of this section to the
18 Bureau. The information shall be sent in an electronic format in a
19 manner prescribed by the Bureau within thirty (30) days of the date
20 of final disposition of the case.

21 F. 1. Upon a person's first conviction of a violation of any
22 of the offenses described in subsection B of this section, the
23 Bureau shall maintain on the animal abuse offender registry the name
24 and other identifying information of the person for two (2) years

1 after the date of the most recent judgment and sentence, after which
2 time the Bureau shall remove the person's name and other identifying
3 information from the list, provided the person is not convicted of
4 another violation of any of the offenses described in subsection B
5 of this section during the two-year period.

6 2. Upon a person's subsequent conviction of a violation of any
7 of the offenses described in subsection B of this section, the
8 Bureau shall maintain on the animal abuse offender registry the name
9 and other identifying information of the person for five (5) years
10 after the date of the most recent judgment and sentence, after which
11 time the Bureau shall remove the person's name and other identifying
12 information from the list, provided the person is not convicted of
13 another violation of any of the offenses described in subsection B
14 of this section during the five-year period.

15 3. Any person having received a deferred sentence that expires
16 prior to the time limitations provided in this subsection may apply
17 to the Bureau to be removed from the registry upon the completion of
18 the deferred sentence by providing to the Bureau a certified copy of
19 the dismissal of the case by certified mail. The Bureau may remove
20 the person from the animal abuse offender registry upon expiration
21 of the deferred sentence.

22 G. On or prior to November 1, 2027, the Oklahoma State Bureau
23 of Investigation shall maintain an animal abuse offender registry
24 website available for viewing by the public.

1 H. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall take
2 necessary actions through the promulgation of rules and cooperation
3 with the courts to ensure that notice of the provisions of this
4 section is provided to those persons subject to the animal abuse
5 offender registry as listed in subsection B of this section.

6 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1685, as
7 amended by Section 165, Chapter 486, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp.
8 2025, Section 1685), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 1685. Any person who shall willfully or maliciously
10 torture, destroy or kill, or cruelly beat or injure, maim or
11 mutilate any animal in subjugation or captivity, whether wild or
12 tame, and whether belonging to the person or to another, or deprive
13 any such animal of necessary food, drink, shelter, or veterinary
14 care to prevent suffering; or who shall cause, procure or permit any
15 such animal to be so tortured, destroyed or killed, or cruelly
16 beaten or injured, maimed or mutilated, or deprived of necessary
17 food, drink, shelter, or veterinary care to prevent suffering; or
18 who shall willfully set on foot, instigate, engage in, or in any way
19 further any act of cruelty to any animal, or any act tending to
20 produce such cruelty, shall be guilty of a Class B5 felony offense
21 and shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary not
22 exceeding ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) years, ~~or by imprisonment in the county~~
23 ~~jail not exceeding one (1) year, or by a fine not exceeding Five~~
24 ~~Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)~~ Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars, or

1 both. Any animal so maltreated or abused shall be considered an
2 abused or neglected animal.

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