

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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**Research Analysis**

HB 4055, as introduced creates the Breeding Animals Responsibly and with Care (BARC) Act. This measure requires the Board of the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to charge the following nonrefundable license or renewal fees:

- \$225.00 for one to three intact female animals;
- \$300.00 for four to twenty intact female animals;
- \$450.00 for twenty-one to fifty intact female animals;
- \$600.00 for fifty-one to one hundred intact female animals;
- \$750.00 for one hundred or more intact female animals;
- \$200.00 for animal shelters;
- \$100.00 for a nonprofit rescue license;
- \$50.00 for a foster home license; and
- \$100.00 for prelicense inspection fee for new or expanding facilities.

Commercial pet breeders and animal shelter operators submitting renewal applications and fees after the expiration date of their current license are in violation of this measure and must pay double the renewal fee as a late charge.

This measure creates the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Fund. All fees, penalties collected pursuant to Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act must be deposited into the fund. This is a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations. All monies in the fund must be expended by the ODAFF for the purposes set forth in the section.

This measure prioritizes that the monies in the fund be used to adequately administer and enforce the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act through:

- Employment training and retention of inspectors and enforcement personnel;
- Pre-license, renewal, complaint-based, and unannounced inspections;
- Investigations, compliance monitoring, and enforcement of actions;
- Administrative functions necessary to carry out licensing renewals, reporting, recordkeeping, and data collection; and
- Technology, equipment, and systems necessary for inspection, reporting, tracking, and program administration.

Annually, the Department must determine if sufficient funding exists to meet the administrative needs of the program. If the Department determines that administrative and enforcement needs of the program are adequately funded, it has discretionary authority to use the monies in the fund for:

- Public education and outreach related to:
  - Responsible breeding practices;
  - Animal welfare standards; and
  - Licensing and compliance requirements.
- Spay and neuter programs for dogs and cats;
- Educational materials, training resources, and technical assistance for license holders; and
- Support for animal welfare initiatives consistent with the purpose of this act.

This measure permits the ODAFF to award grants from the Commercial Pet Breeders and Shelter Licensing Fund to eligible nonprofit animal rescue organizations and licensed foster programs. Eligible applicants must:

- Hold a valid nonprofit rescue license or foster home license pursuant to this act;
- Be in good standing with the Department and not be subject to any pending actions;
- Be a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization; and
- Comply with all applicable state and local animal welfare rules.

This measure limits grants awarded in this section to:

- Veterinary care, including emergency medical treatment;
- Spray and neuter services;
- Temporary housing, foster support, and animal transport;
- Supplies, equipment, and materials necessary for animal care; and
- Capacity-building efforts to support intake, rehabilitation, and rehoming of animals.

This measure authorizes the Department to promulgate rules establishing procedures and criteria for the award of grants in this section including:

- Application requirements;
- Award limits and funding priorities;
- Reporting and accountability standards; and
- Measures to ensure geographic and programmatic balance.

This measure does not create an entitlement to grant funding or require the Department to award grants.

For commercial breeders and commercial pet breeders, this measure reduces the number of intact female animals from 11 to 4 if used for the purpose of breeding or indirect sale or exchange.

For noncommercial breeders, this measure reduces the number an entity may possess from 10 to 3 if used for the purpose of breeding or indirect sale or exchange.

This measure also provides penalties for persons violating the act including:

- A fine of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00); and
- Forfeiture of any animals not spayed or neutered.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 4055 requires the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF) to charge nonrefundable license or renewal fees on commercial pet breeders. The measure allows ODAFF to award grants from these licensure funds to eligible nonprofit animal rescue organizations and licensed foster programs for various animal care services. Per ODAFF, this measure will have no fiscal impact on the agency.

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**Other Considerations**

None.