

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 HOUSE BILL 4335

By: Moore

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to animals; providing that a county,  
8 municipality, or an agency shall have certain limited  
9 authority over retail pet shops; amending 4 O.S.  
10 2021, Section 30.8, which relates to animal shelter  
operators and commercial pet breeders; changing  
11 timeline for certain required notices; and providing  
12 an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 30.17 of Title 4, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A county or municipality, or any agency thereof may:

18 1. Adopt or enforce rules, administrative regulations, codes,  
19 or ordinances relating to the operations of a retail pet shop;  
20 provided the pet shop is in compliance with the Commercial Pet  
21 Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act and other applicable  
22 rules, regulation, codes, or ordinances; and

23 2. Regulate and inspect retail pet stores but may not ban or  
24 otherwise effectively prohibit a retail pet shop or retail pet shop

1 owner for selling dogs and cats within the county or municipality  
2 unless the shop or owner has received three or more convictions over  
3 five (5) years for violating the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal  
4 Shelter Licensing Act.

5 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2021, Section 30.8, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 30.8. A. An animal shelter operator or commercial pet  
8 breeder who is not in violation of the Commercial Pet Breeders and  
9 Animal Shelter Licensing Act or any rule adopted under the  
10 Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act may renew  
11 the license of the person by:

12 1. Submitting a renewal application to the Oklahoma Department  
13 of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry on the form prescribed by the  
14 Department;

15 2. Complying with any other renewal requirements adopted by the  
16 Department; and

17 3. Paying the required fee.

18 B. Any person who fails to apply for a renewal in a manner  
19 prescribed by the Department, and whose license has expired, may not  
20 engage in activities that require a license until the license has  
21 been renewed.

22 C. Not later than ~~sixty (60)~~ ninety (90) days before the  
23 expiration of the license, the Department shall send written notice  
24 of the impending license expiration to the animal shelter operator

1 or commercial pet breeder at the last-known address according to the  
2 records of the Department.

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

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