

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 2150

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to animals; amending 4 O.S. 2021, Sections 30.2, 30.5, and 30.7, which relate to the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act; modifying definitions; modifying application and inspection requirements for certain licensure; requiring promulgation of rules; modifying requirements for certain license suspension or revocation; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2021, Section 30.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 30.2. As used in the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act:

1. "Adult animal" means an ~~intact female~~ animal ~~twelve (12)~~ nine (9) months of age or older;

2. "Animal" means a dog or a cat, including a puppy or kitten;

3. "Animal shelter" means any nongovernmental facility that maintains ten or more dogs and cats operated by or under contract for the state, a county, a municipal corporation, or any other

1 political subdivision of the state for the purpose of impounding or
2 harboring seized, stray, homeless, abandoned or unwanted dogs or
3 cats; and any facility that maintains ten or more dogs and cats
4 operated, owned, or maintained by any person or organization for
5 such purpose, but not including any facility that does not house or
6 harbor dogs or cats on the premises and only operates through a
7 system of fostering in private homes;

8 4. "Animal shelter operator" means any individual, entity,
9 association, trust, or corporation that operates a nongovernmental
10 facility that maintains ten or more dogs and cats for the purpose of
11 impounding or harboring seized, stray, homeless, abandoned or
12 unwanted dogs or cats, but not including any facility that does not
13 house or harbor dogs or cats on the premises and only operates
14 through a system of fostering in private homes;

15 5. "Board" means the State Board of Agriculture;

16 6. "Cat" means a mammal that is wholly or partly of the species
17 *Felis domesticus*;

18 7. "Commercial breeder" and "commercial pet breeder" mean any
19 individual, entity, association, trust, or corporation who possesses
20 eleven or more intact female animals for the use of breeding or
21 dealing in animals for direct or indirect sale or for exchange in
22 return for consideration;

1 8. "Commercial pet breeder license" means a license issued to
2 any person that qualifies and is licensed as a commercial pet
3 breeder;

4 9. "Animal shelter license" means a license issued to any
5 applicant that qualifies and is licensed as an animal shelter
6 operator;

7 10. "Department" means the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
8 Food, and Forestry;

9 11. "Dog" means a mammal that is wholly or partly of the
10 species *Canis familiaris*;

11 12. "Facility" means the premises used by one or more animal
12 shelter operators or commercial breeders. The term includes all
13 buildings, property, and confinement areas in a single location used
14 to conduct the animal shelter or commercial breeding business;

15 13. "Family member" means the parent, spouse, child, or sibling
16 of an individual;

17 14. "Humane society" means a nonprofit organization exempt from
18 federal income taxation as an organization described in Section
19 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that has as a
20 principal purpose the prevention of animal cruelty or the sheltering
21 of, caring for, and providing of homes for lost, stray, and
22 abandoned animals;

1 15. "Inspector" means an authorized agent of the Board or any
2 other qualified person authorized by the Department to conduct
3 inspections;

4 16. "Intact female animal" means a female animal, nine (9)
5 months of age or older, and not spayed;

6 17. "Kitten" means a cat less than ~~twelve (12)~~ nine (9) months
7 old;

8 18. "Local animal control authority" means a municipal or
9 county animal control office with authority over the premises in
10 which an animal is kept or, in an area that does not have an animal
11 control office, the county sheriff;

12 19. "Marketing" means the solicitation for sale of animals;

13 20. "Noncommercial breeder" means any individual, entity,
14 association, trust, or corporation who possesses ten or fewer intact
15 female animals for the use of breeding or dealing in animals for
16 direct or indirect sale or for exchange in return for consideration;

17 21. "Person" means any individual, association, trust,
18 corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other
19 entity;

20 22. "Pet" means a dog or cat, including a puppy or kitten, that
21 is privately owned and not available for adoption, sale, or transfer
22 of any kind;

23 23. "Possess" means to have custody of or control over, but
24 shall not include custody or control over an animal by a person who

1 is not a resident of this state and is in this state for the sole
2 purpose of attending a competitive show or event held in this state;

3 24. "Puppy" means a dog less than ~~twelve (12)~~ nine (9) months
4 old; and

5 25. "Veterinarian" means a person currently licensed to
6 practice veterinary medicine in ~~Oklahoma~~ this state.

7 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2021, Section 30.5, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 30.5. A. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food,
10 and Forestry may contract with a local veterinarian licensed by the
11 state, other state agency, or any other qualified person to conduct
12 or assist in an initial prelicense inspection and annual
13 inspections.

14 B. The Department shall arrange for ~~an~~ a prelicense inspection
15 at a facility prior to issuance of an initial animal shelter or
16 commercial pet breeder license for that facility.

17 1. The Department shall not issue an animal shelter or
18 commercial pet breeder license to any person until the Department
19 receives an initial prelicense inspection report from the inspector
20 in a format approved by the Department certifying that the facility
21 meets the requirements of the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal
22 Shelter Licensing Act.

23 2. Prior to the initial prelicense inspection, each applicant
24 shall pay to the Department a nonrefundable inspection fee.

1 C. ~~The Department, at least annually, shall arrange for the~~
2 ~~inspection of each facility of a licensed animal shelter operator or~~
3 ~~commercial breeder. The inspection shall be conducted during normal~~
4 ~~business hours and the animal shelter operator, commercial breeder~~
5 ~~or a representative of the facility shall be present during the~~
6 ~~inspection~~ The Board shall promulgate rules as necessary to conduct
7 at a minimum an annual inspection at each animal shelter or
8 commercial breeder to administer the Commercial Pet Breeders and
9 Animal Shelter Licensing Act.

10 D. The inspector shall submit an inspection report to the
11 Department not later than ten (10) days after the date of the
12 inspection on a form prescribed by the Department and provide a copy
13 of the report to the animal shelter operator, commercial breeder, or
14 the representative.

15 E. On receipt of a valid written complaint alleging a violation
16 of the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act, an
17 authorized agent of the State Board of Agriculture, a local animal
18 control authority, or an inspector designated by the Department may
19 investigate the alleged violation.

20 F. The Department shall not hire any humane society group or
21 member of any humane society group to perform any inspection
22 required by the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing
23 Act.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 4 O.S. 2021, Section 30.7, is amended to read as follows:

Section 30.7. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry may deny a license, or renewal thereof, or revoke a license of any applicant, animal shelter operator, or commercial pet breeder who fails to meet the standards of animal care or fails to follow the application process adopted by the Department, or if ~~the person~~ any owner, operator, partner, or member with percentage ownership:

1. Is convicted of a crime involving animal cruelty;

2. Is convicted of violating the Commercial Pet Breeders and Animal Shelter Licensing Act more than three times;

3. Is convicted of a type of felony specified by subparagraphs a through pp of paragraph 2 of Section 571 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

4. Is convicted of a felony punishable under the Oklahoma Racketeer-Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act; or

5. Has held or applied for a United States Department of Agriculture license pursuant to the federal Animal Welfare Act and whose license was suspended or revoked, or whose application was refused due to the improper care of animals.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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