

1                                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3   1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 HOUSE BILL 1431

  By: Stone

7   AS INTRODUCED

8                                   An Act relating to cities and towns; requiring an  
9                                   animal control office to respond in-person to certain  
10                                   complaints; defining terms; and providing an  
11                                   effective date.

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

13                   SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           11 O.S. 2011, Section 22-115, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15                   Section 22-115. A. The municipal governing body may regulate  
16 or prohibit animals from running at large. Animals which are  
17 running at large may be impounded and sold to discharge any costs  
18 and penalties established by the governing body and the expense of  
19 impounding, keeping or sale of such animals. The governing body may  
20 also provide for the erection of pens, pounds, and buildings for the  
21 use of the municipality, within or without the municipal limits, and  
22 appoint and compensate keepers thereof, and establish and enforce  
23 rules governing the pens, pounds or buildings. The governing body  
24 may also regulate and provide for taxing the owners and harborers of

1 dogs, and authorize the killing of dogs which are found at large in  
2 violation of any ordinance regulating the same.

3 B. Upon any complaint received by an animal control office that  
4 an animal is running at large within the incorporated city limits,  
5 the animal control office shall cause an in-person response to the  
6 complaint by an animal control officer or local law enforcement  
7 officer. For purposes of this subsection:

8 1. "Animal control office" means any municipal animal control  
9 office or municipal entity acting alone or in concert with other  
10 local governmental units for enforcement of the animal control laws  
11 of the city, county and state and the shelter and welfare of animals  
12 in a city or town with a population of more than three hundred  
13 thousand (300,000) according to the latest Federal Decennial Census;  
14 and

15 2. "Animal control officer" means any individual employed,  
16 contracted with, or appointed by the animal control office for the  
17 purpose of aiding the enforcement of any law or ordinance relating  
18 to the licensure of animals, control of animals or seizure and  
19 impoundment of animals.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT,  
23 dated 02/19/2015 - DO PASS.

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