

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 546

By: Howard and Murdock of the  
Senate

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4 Worthen of the House

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6 An Act relating to animals and carcasses; amending 21  
7 O.S. 2011, Section 1222, which relates to disposition  
8 of diseased animals; clarifying statutory language;  
9 requiring disposal in accordance with recommendations  
of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and  
Forestry; removing certain disposal requirement; and  
providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1222, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1222. It shall be the duty of the owner of any domestic  
16 animal in the State of Oklahoma, which ~~may hereafter die~~ dies of any  
17 contagious or infectious disease, ~~either to burn the carcass thereof~~  
18 ~~or bury the same~~ to dispose of the carcass within twenty-four (24)  
19 hours after ~~he has~~ notice or knowledge of such fact ~~so that.~~

20 Disposal shall be in accordance with the recommendations and  
21 requirements of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and  
22 Forestry. If buried, no part of ~~such~~ the carcass shall be nearer  
23 than two and one-half (2 1/2) feet of the surface of the soil.  
24 ~~Provided, That all hogs dying of any disease shall be burned. It~~

1 shall further be unlawful to bury any ~~such~~ diseased carcass ~~as~~  
2 ~~mentioned in this section~~ in any land along any stream or ravine,  
3 where it is liable to become exposed through erosion of the soil, or  
4 where such land is any time subject to overflow. "Owner", as used  
5 in this section, shall mean and include any person having possession  
6 of domestic animals ~~in his possession~~, either by reason of  
7 ownership, rent, hire, loan, or otherwise, and shall be subject to  
8 ~~all the pains and penalties of this article~~ the penalty contained in  
9 Section 1224 of this title.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

11 Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2019.

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14 Presiding Officer of the Senate

15 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
16 2019.

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