

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE

5 BILL NO. 546

 By: Howard and Murdock of the
 Senate

6 and

7 Worthen of the House

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

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

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

19 Section 1222. It shall be the duty of the owner of any domestic
20 animal in the State of Oklahoma, which ~~may hereafter die~~ dies of any
21 contagious or infectious disease, ~~either to burn the carcass thereof~~
22 ~~or bury the same~~ to dispose of the carcass within twenty-four (24)
23 hours after ~~he has~~ notice or knowledge of such fact ~~so that.~~
24 Disposal shall be in accordance with the recommendations and
 requirements of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and

1 Forestry. If buried, no part of ~~such~~ the carcass shall be nearer
2 than two and one-half (2 1/2) feet of the surface of the soil:
3 ~~Provided, That all hogs dying of any disease shall be burned.~~ It
4 shall further be unlawful to bury any ~~such~~ diseased carcass as
5 ~~mentioned in this section~~ in any land along any stream or ravine,
6 where it is liable to become exposed through erosion of the soil, or
7 where such land is any time subject to overflow. "Owner", as used
8 in this section, shall mean and include any person having possession
9 of domestic animals ~~in his possession,~~ either by reason of
10 ownership, rent, hire, loan, or otherwise, and shall be subject to
11 ~~all the pains and penalties of this article~~ the penalty contained in
12 Section 1224 of this title.

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

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
16 dated 04/01/2019 - DO PASS.

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