

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 18, 2019

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 546

6 By: Howard and Murdock

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

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

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

17 Section 1222. It shall be the duty of the owner of any domestic  
18 animal in the State of Oklahoma, which ~~may hereafter die~~ dies of any  
19 contagious or infectious disease, ~~either to burn the carcass thereof~~  
20 ~~or bury the same~~ to dispose of the carcass within twenty-four (24)  
21 hours after ~~he has~~ notice or knowledge of such fact ~~so that~~.  
22 Disposal shall be in accordance with the recommendations and  
23 requirements of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and  
24 Forestry. If buried, no part of ~~such~~ the carcass shall be nearer  
than two and one-half (2 1/2) feet of the surface of the soil.

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

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

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE  
13 February 18, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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