

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2178</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>SAHB</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Pfeiffer</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>5/6/2019</b>
<b>Impact:</b>	<b>ODAFF: \$0 fiscal impact anticipated. Repeals separate misdemeanor charges and associated fines; consolidates the charges and penalties</b>

**Research Analysis**

The Senate Amendment requires owners of domestic animals to dispose of any animal carcass within 24 hours of receiving the notice of death. Additionally, the measure prohibits burying animal carcasses along any stream or ravine. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor. The measure repeals current law governing the disposal of diseased animal carcasses.

HB 2178 modifies the burial requirements for domestic animals that die of an infectious or contagious disease.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure as written, relates to an owner's duties for the disposition of an animal who has died of contagious or infectious disease. The measure amends State statute for crime and punishments concerning time and location limitations for carcass disposal, as recommended by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry. The amendment to the bill has been determined to have no fiscal or revenue considerations for the state.

The Senate amendments to HB 2178 repeal certain offenses and their associated fines. It consolidates all offenses to a misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500. The exact impact is contingent upon how many individuals are found guilty of the crime and the amount of the fine they are required to pay.

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**Other Considerations**

None.