

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 19, 2025

3 SENATE BILL NO. 537

By: Stewart

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6 An Act relating to vagrancy; amending 11 O.S. 2021,
7 Section 22-123, which relates to vagrancy; defining
8 term; authorizing business to contact law enforcement
9 under certain circumstances; requiring removal of
10 vagrant within certain distance of business upon
11 certain determination; and providing an effective
12 date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 22-123, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 22-123. A. As used in this act, "vagrant" means a
17 person who is in, remains in, or wanders about a public or private
place for any illegal purpose.

18 B. ~~The~~ A municipal governing body may provide by ordinance for
19 the arrest, fine, and imprisonment of vagrants.

20 C. The proprietor or manager of a business has the right to
21 contact law enforcement to remove a vagrant if the vagrant is within
22 twelve (12) feet of any doorway of the business, even if such
23 vagrant is on public property.
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1 D. Upon arrival at the business, the law enforcement officer
2 shall determine, through personal observation or viewing of video
3 footage, whether the person accused of being a vagrant meets the
4 definition provided in subsection A of this section. Upon
5 determination that the person meets the definition of a vagrant, the
6 officer shall relocate the vagrant to public property that is at
7 least one-half (1/2) mile away from the location of the business
8 which made the initial contact to law enforcement. The location for
9 relocation shall not be within one-quarter (1/4) mile of any other
10 business.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT
13 February 19, 2025 - DO PASS

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