

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 945 establishes a misdemeanor for any person convicted of depriving any animal in captivity of necessary food, drink, shelter, or veterinary care. Persons convicted of this misdemeanor shall be subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000.00 and/or a term of imprisonment not to exceed 1 year. The measure establishes a felony for any person who provides commercial services for animals that willfully destroys, kills, beats, injures, maims, or mutilates an animal or pet in his or her care. Persons convicted of this felony shall be subject to maximum fine of \$7,000.00 and/or a term of imprisonment not to exceed 7 years. Any prosecution relating to the crimes listed above that involve livestock shall require a determination by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry or by a licensed veterinarian that the alleged neglect constitutes a violation of accepted livestock management practices.

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