

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 922

6 By: Mann

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8 An Act relating to animals; defining terms; exempting
9 certain individuals and entities from provisions;
10 requiring certain authorization; prohibiting certain
11 amount of chanticleers to be kept; prohibiting
12 provisions from preventing current enforcement;
13 providing penalties; allowing the Oklahoma Department
14 of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to cooperate with
15 certain entities; providing for promulgation of
16 rules; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1692.9, which
17 relates to cockfighting prohibition exemptions;
18 adding exemption; updating statutory reference;
19 providing for codification; and providing an
20 effective date.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 33 of Title 4, unless there is
24 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

25 A. As used in this section:

26 1. "Property" means:

27 a. a parcel of land, or

1 b. a combination of parcels of land operating as a single
2 unit; and

3 2. "Chanticleer" means a male chicken that:

4 a. is at least six (6) months of age,

5 b. has fully developed an adult plumage, or

6 c. is capable of crowing.

7 B. This section does not apply to:

8 1. Poultry feeding operations or concentrated animal feeding
9 operations as defined in Section 10-9.1 and 20-41 of Title 2 of the
10 Oklahoma Statutes;

11 2. A public school or private school that receives state
12 funding;

13 3. An animal shelter, as defined in Section 30.2 of Title 4 of
14 the Oklahoma Statutes;

15 4. A humane society, as defined in Section 30.2 of Title 4 of
16 the Oklahoma Statutes; and

17 5. A member of a 4-H or Future Farmers of America (FFA) program
18 if, on request of a local animal control officer, an inspector of
19 the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, or a law
20 enforcement officer, the member provides written proof of:

21 a. membership in a 4-H or FFA program, and

22 b. authorization from the county in which the
23 chanticleers are located that specifies:
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- 1 (1) the reason for keeping more than five
- 2 chanticleers per acre or more than twenty-five
- 3 chanticleers on a property,
- 4 (2) the number of chanticleers that may be kept,
- 5 (3) the breed of each chanticleer that may be kept,
- 6 (4) the duration of time each chanticleer may be
- 7 kept, and
- 8 (5) the address of the property where each
- 9 chanticleer may be kept.

10 C. After the effective date of this act, unless otherwise
11 authorized by the Department, a person who keeps chanticleers that
12 are maintained individually and kept movement-constrained through
13 the use of an enclosure or tether may not:

14 1. Keep more than five chanticleers per acre on a single
15 property; and

16 2. Keep more than a total of twenty-five chanticleers on a
17 single property.

18 D. 1. This section shall not affect the authority of a county,
19 municipality, or political subdivision to enact and enforce
20 standards or requirements related to chanticleer ownership that are
21 more stringent than the requirements of this section.

22 2. This section shall not limit or supersede any other county,
23 municipal, or state law, rule, or regulation that provides more
24 stringent requirements regarding the keeping of chanticleers.

1 E. A person in violation of this section shall, upon
2 conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine
3 not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

4 F. In addition to penalties and fines, the State Board of
5 Agriculture shall have authority to obtain injunctions against
6 anyone who violates this act, and shall have authority to obtain or
7 impose civil monetary penalties on anyone who violates this section,
8 and upon obtaining a court order, shall have authority to seize and
9 impound chanticleers in the possession, custody, or care of that
10 person if there is reason to believe that the health, safety, or
11 welfare of the chanticleers is endangered, or the chanticleers are
12 in imminent danger. The reasonable costs of transportation, care,
13 and feeding of seized and impounded chanticleers shall be paid by
14 the person from whom the chanticleers were seized and impounded.

15 G. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
16 may work in cooperation with local animal control or law enforcement
17 agencies to enforce the provisions of this section.

18 H. The Department shall promulgate any rules necessary to
19 implement the provisions of this section.

20 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1692.9, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1692.9. Nothing in ~~this act~~ Section 1692.1 et seq. of
23 this title shall prohibit any of the following:
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1 ~~A.~~ 1. Hunting birds or fowl in accordance with Oklahoma
2 regulation or statute, including, l but not limited to, l the sport of
3 hunting game with trained raptors~~;~~;

4 ~~B.~~ 2. Agricultural production of fowl for human consumption; or
5 3. The lawful possession of chanticleers pursuant to Section 1
6 of this act.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective January 1, 2026.

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