

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1103

By: Biggs, Murdock and Pfeiffer
of the House

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4 Justice of the Senate
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8 An Act relating to agriculture; providing limited
9 exemption to the Open Records Act; prohibiting
10 specific information from being released except under
11 certain circumstances; providing that confidentiality
12 requirements shall not limit use of information for
13 certain purposes; providing for codification; and
14 providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-5 of Title 2, unless there is
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. Any report of contagious or infectious animal diseases
20 obtained pursuant to the requirements of Section 698.15 of Title 59
21 of the Oklahoma Statutes and rules promulgated by the State Board of
22 Agriculture shall not be required to be produced pursuant to the
23 Oklahoma Open Records Act except in such a way that no person or
24 farm can be individually identified, unless otherwise provided for

1 by law. Specific information shall not be released except under the
2 following circumstances:

3 1. Release is made upon court order;

4 2. Release is made in writing, by or with the written consent
5 of the person whose information is being kept confidential;

6 3. Release is necessary as determined by the State Veterinarian
7 to protect the health and well-being of the general public or
8 domestic animals;

9 4. Release is made of medical or epidemiological information to
10 health or veterinary professionals, appropriate state agencies or
11 appropriate courts to enforce the provisions of this title and
12 related rules concerning the control and treatment of animal
13 diseases; or

14 5. Release is made of specific medical or epidemiological
15 information for statistical purposes whether within the State of
16 Oklahoma or throughout the United States, in such a way that no
17 person or farm can be identified.

18 B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the
19 ability of the State Veterinarian or the State Board of Agriculture
20 from utilizing reported information to the extent deemed necessary
21 and for enforcing any provisions of Title 2 of the Oklahoma
22 Statutes.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2015.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
5 of Representatives

6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2015.

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