

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 30, 2015

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 1103

By: Biggs, Murdock and Pfeiffer
of the House

5 and

6 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
requirements shall not limit use of information for
certain purposes; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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

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

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

1 1. Release is made upon court order;

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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