

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 HOUSE BILL 1103

By: Biggs

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND
24 ACCOUNTABILITY, dated 02/11/2015 - DO PASS.