

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 29, 2021

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE
4 BILL NO. 1620

By: Mize and Steagall of the
House

5 and

6 Montgomery and Stephens of
7 the Senate

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9 An Act relating to agriculture; declaring legislative
10 intent; prohibiting the banning of the right of
11 Oklahomans to engage in agritourism activities;
12 requiring agricultural activities be engaged in
13 compliance with certain regulations; defining term;
14 providing for codification; providing for
15 noncodification; and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
18 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

19 The right of Oklahomans to engage in agritourism activities is
20 ingrained in the historical fabric of the State of Oklahoma.

21 Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to preserve such
22 activities for future generations of Oklahomans.

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

1 A. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the rights
2 of Oklahomans to engage in agritourism activities shall not be
3 banned by any county, municipality, state agency or political
4 subdivision. Agritourism activities shall only be engaged in a
5 lawful manner, pursuant to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act and in
6 compliance with health and safety zoning requirements, as well as
7 health and safety regulations, by the state and local governments.

8 B. "Agritourism activities" as used in this section means
9 utilizing livestock or other animals for entertainment or
10 educational purposes. This shall include horseback riding, horse-
11 drawn carriage rides, livestock and other animal shows, petting
12 farms, rodeos, activities that historically involved the utilization
13 of working animals and other substantially similar activities.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE
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