

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1620

By: Mize and Steagall of the
House

and

Montgomery, Stephens,
Bergstrom and Jett of the
Senate

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

SUBJECT: Agriculture

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

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

The right of Oklahomans to engage in agritourism activities is ingrained in the historical fabric of the State of Oklahoma. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to preserve such activities for future generations of Oklahomans.

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

A. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the rights of Oklahomans to engage in agritourism activities shall not be banned by any county, municipality, state agency or political subdivision. Agritourism activities shall only be engaged in a lawful manner pursuant to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act and in

compliance with health and safety zoning requirements, as well as health and safety regulations, by the state and local governments.

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

C. "Agritourism activities" as used in this section shall not include cockfighting, as defined in Section 1692.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes or fighting dogs, as defined in Section 1693 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of May, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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