

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 HOUSE BILL 2148

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7 AS INTRODUCED

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9 An Act relating to agriculture; requiring grocery
10 stores to offer certain eggs for retail sale under
11 certain circumstances; construing provisions;
12 authorizing promulgation of administrative rules;
13 authorizing submission of certain federal waiver or
14 exemption; requiring Oklahoma Department of
15 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to submit certain
16 report; defining terms; providing for codification;
17 and providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 10-85 of Title 2, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. A grocery store that is a vendor participating in a federal
23 food program and offering specialty eggs for retail sale shall
24 maintain an inventory of conventional eggs for retail sale
sufficient to meet federal and state requirements for participation
in the federal food program.

1 B. This section does not require a grocery store to do any of
2 the following:

3 1. Stock or sell specialty eggs;

4 2. Stock or sell eggs if the grocery store elects not to stock
5 or sell conventional eggs for retail sale as part of its normal
6 business; and

7 3. Comply with the provisions of this section if the grocery
8 store's inventory of eggs for retail sale was limited to specialty
9 eggs prior to January 1, 2018.

10 C. A violation of subsection A of this section by a grocery
11 store shall not be construed to disqualify a grocery store from
12 participating in a federal food program unless otherwise authorized
13 by the United States Department of Agriculture.

14 D. The Oklahoma State Department of Health shall assist the
15 Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry in
16 promulgating administrative rules necessary to implement and
17 administer this section.

18 E. If necessary to implement, administer and enforce this
19 section, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry,
20 in cooperation with the Oklahoma State Department of Health, shall
21 submit a request to the United States Department of Agriculture for
22 a waiver or other exception from regulations. The Oklahoma
23 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall regularly report
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1 the status of such request to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
2 Representatives and President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate.

3 F. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
4 requires:

5 1. "Conventional eggs" means eggs other than specialty eggs;

6 2. "Eggs" means shell eggs that are graded as "AA", "A" or "B",
7 pursuant to 7 C.F.R. pt. 56, subpt. A, and that are sold at retail
8 in commercial markets;

9 3. "Federal food program" means the Special Supplemental
10 Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) as provided
11 in 42 U.S.C. Section 1786, et seq.;

12 4. "Grocery store" means a for-profit or not-for-profit self-
13 service retail establishment that primarily sells meat, seafood,
14 fruits, vegetables, dairy products, dry groceries, household
15 products and sundries to customers intended for use, preparation or
16 consumption off premises; and

17 5. "Specialty eggs" means eggs produced by domesticated
18 chickens and sold at retail in commercial markets if the chickens
19 producing such eggs are advertised as organic or both as organic and
20 as being housed in any of the following environments:

21 a. cage-free,

22 b. free-range, or

23 c. enriched colony cage.

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1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
4 dated 02/11/2019 - DO PASS.
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