

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 22, 2022

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1688

By: Standridge

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6 An Act relating to civil asset forfeiture; amending  
7 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2-503, which relates to  
8 property subject to forfeiture; authorizing seizure  
of property used for certain illegal purposes; and  
providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2-503, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 2-503. A. The following shall be subject to  
15 forfeiture:

16 1. All controlled dangerous substances and synthetic controlled  
17 substances which have been manufactured, distributed, dispensed,  
18 acquired, concealed or possessed in violation of the Uniform  
19 Controlled Dangerous Substances Act;

20 2. All raw materials, products and equipment of any kind and  
21 all drug paraphernalia as defined by the Uniform Controlled  
22 Dangerous Substances Act, which are used, or intended for use, in  
23 manufacturing, compounding, processing, delivering, importing or  
24 exporting, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing

1 into the human body any controlled dangerous substance or synthetic  
2 controlled substance in violation of the provisions of the Uniform  
3 Controlled Dangerous Substances Act;

4 3. All property which is used, or intended for use, as a  
5 container for property described in paragraphs 1, 2, 5 and 6 of this  
6 subsection;

7 4. All conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles, vessels, or  
8 farm implements which are used to transport, conceal, or cultivate  
9 for the purpose of distribution as defined in the Uniform Controlled  
10 Dangerous Substances Act, or which are used in any manner to  
11 facilitate the transportation or cultivation for the purpose of sale  
12 or receipt of property described in paragraphs 1 or 2 of this  
13 subsection or when the property described in paragraphs 1 or 2 of  
14 this subsection is unlawfully possessed by an occupant thereof,  
15 except that:

16 a. no conveyance used by a person as a common carrier in  
17 the transaction of business as a common carrier shall  
18 be forfeited under the provisions of the Uniform  
19 Controlled Dangerous Substances Act unless it shall  
20 appear that the owner or other person in charge of  
21 such conveyance was a consenting party or privy to a  
22 violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous  
23 Substances Act, and  
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1           b. no conveyance shall be forfeited under the provisions  
2           of this section by reason of any act or omission  
3           established by the owner thereof to have been  
4           committed or omitted without the knowledge or consent  
5           of such owner, and if the act is committed by any  
6           person other than such owner the owner shall establish  
7           further that the conveyance was unlawfully in the  
8           possession of a person other than the owner in  
9           violation of the criminal laws of the United States,  
10          or of any state;

11          5. All books, records and research, including formulas,  
12 microfilm, tapes and data which are used in violation of the Uniform  
13 Controlled Dangerous Substances Act;

14          6. All things of value furnished, or intended to be furnished,  
15 in exchange for a controlled dangerous substance in violation of the  
16 Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, all proceeds traceable  
17 to such an exchange, and all monies, negotiable instruments, and  
18 securities used, or intended to be used, to facilitate any violation  
19 of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act;

20          7. All monies, coin and currency found in close proximity to  
21 any amount of forfeitable substances, to forfeitable drug  
22 manufacturing or distribution paraphernalia or to forfeitable  
23 records of the importation, manufacture or distribution of  
24 substances, which are rebuttably presumed to be forfeitable under

1 the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act. The burden of  
2 proof is upon claimants of the property to rebut this presumption;

3 8. All real property, including any right, title, and interest  
4 in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenance or  
5 improvement thereto, which is used, or intended to be used, in any  
6 manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, a  
7 violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act which  
8 is punishable by imprisonment for more than one (1) year, except  
9 that no property right, title or interest shall be forfeited  
10 pursuant to this paragraph, by reason of any act or omission  
11 established by the owner thereof to have been committed or omitted  
12 without the knowledge or consent of that owner; ~~and~~

13 9. All weapons possessed, used or available for use in any  
14 manner to facilitate a violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous  
15 Substances Act; and

16 10. Property possessed, used, or available for use in the  
17 cultivation, distribution, processing, sale, or transfer of  
18 marijuana by any person or business entity not licensed by the  
19 Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority or otherwise in violation of  
20 the medical marijuana laws in this state.

21 B. Any property or thing of value of a person is subject to  
22 forfeiture if it is established by a preponderance of the evidence  
23 that such property or thing of value was acquired by such person  
24 during the period of the violation of the Uniform Controlled

1 Dangerous Substances Act or within a reasonable time after such  
2 period and there was no likely source for such property or thing of  
3 value other than the violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous  
4 Substances Act.

5 C. Any property or thing of value of a person is subject to  
6 forfeiture if it is established by a preponderance of the evidence  
7 that the person has not paid all or part of a fine imposed pursuant  
8 to the provisions of Section 2-415 of this title.

9 D. All items forfeited in this section shall be forfeited under  
10 the procedures established in Section 2-506 of this title. Whenever  
11 any item is forfeited pursuant to this section except for items  
12 confiscated by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous  
13 Drugs Control, the Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State  
14 Bureau of Investigation, the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement  
15 Commission, the Department of Corrections, or the Office of the  
16 Attorney General, the district court of the district shall order  
17 that such item, money, or monies derived from the sale of such item  
18 be deposited by the state, county or city law enforcement agency  
19 which seized the item in the revolving fund provided for in Section  
20 2-506 of this title; provided, such item, money or monies derived  
21 from the sale of such item forfeited due to nonpayment of a fine  
22 imposed pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-415 of this title  
23 shall be apportioned as provided in Section 2-416 of this title.  
24 Items, money or monies seized pursuant to subsections A and B of

1 this section shall not be applied or considered toward satisfaction  
2 of the fine imposed by Section 2-415 of this title. All raw  
3 materials used or intended to be used by persons to unlawfully  
4 manufacture or attempt to manufacture any controlled dangerous  
5 substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous  
6 Substances Act shall be summarily forfeited pursuant to the  
7 provisions of Section 2-505 of this title.

8 E. All property taken or detained under this section by the  
9 Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the  
10 Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
11 Investigation, the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission,  
12 the Department of Corrections, or the Office of the Attorney  
13 General, shall not be repleviable, but shall remain in the custody  
14 of the Bureaus, Departments, Commission, or Office, respectively,  
15 subject only to the orders and decrees of a court of competent  
16 jurisdiction. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
17 Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the Commissioner of Public  
18 Safety, the Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation,  
19 the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission,  
20 the Director of the Department of Corrections, and the Attorney  
21 General shall follow the procedures outlined in Section 2-506 of  
22 this title dealing with notification of seizure, intent of  
23 forfeiture, final disposition procedures, and release to innocent  
24 claimants with regard to all property included in this section

1 detained by the Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State  
2 Bureau of Investigation, the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement  
3 Commission, the Department of Corrections, or the Office of the  
4 Attorney General. Property taken or detained by the Oklahoma State  
5 Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the Department of  
6 Public Safety, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the  
7 Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, the Department of  
8 Corrections, or the Office of the Attorney General shall be disposed  
9 of or sold pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-508 of this  
10 title. Any money, coins, and currency, taken or detained pursuant  
11 to this section may be deposited in an interest bearing account by  
12 or at the direction of the State Treasurer if the seizing agency  
13 determines the currency is not to be held as evidence. All interest  
14 earned on such monies shall be returned to the claimant or forfeited  
15 with the money, coins, and currency which was taken or detained as  
16 provided by law.

17 F. The proceeds of any forfeiture of items seized by the  
18 Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control shall  
19 be distributed as follows:

20 1. To the bona fide or innocent purchaser, conditional sales  
21 vendor or mortgagee of the property, if any, up to the amount of his  
22 interest in the property, when the court declaring a forfeiture  
23 orders a distribution to such person; and  
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1           2. The balance to the Bureau of Narcotics Revolving Fund  
2 established pursuant to Section 2-107 of this title, provided the  
3 Bureau may enter into agreements with municipal, tribal, county,  
4 state or federal law enforcement agencies, or other state agencies  
5 with CLEET-certified law enforcement officers, assisting in the  
6 forfeiture or underlying criminal investigation, to return to such  
7 an agency a percentage of said proceeds.

8           G. Any agency that acquires seized or forfeited property or  
9 money shall maintain a true and accurate inventory and record of all  
10 such property seized pursuant to this section.

11           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
13 February 22, 2022 - DO PASS

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