| 1  | HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION  |
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| 2  | STATE OF OKLAHOMA   |
| 3  | 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)  |
| 4  | ENGROSSED SENATE<br>BILL NO. 1874 By: Weaver and Burns of the   |
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| 6  | and   |
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| 10 | An Act relating to the public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Sections 2-505, 2-507, and 2-       |
| 11 | 508, which relate to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous<br>Substances Act; authorizing destruction of certain |
| 12 | substances by certain state entities; updating an statutory language and references; and providing an       |
| 13 | effective date.   |
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| 16 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:   |
| 17 | SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2-505, is   |
| 18 | amended to read as follows:   |
| 19 | Section 2-505. A. All controlled substances in Schedule I of  |
| 20 | Section 2-204 of this title and all controlled substances in  |
| 21 | Schedules II, III, IV, and V that are not in properly labeled   |
| 22 | containers in accordance with this act the Uniform Controlled   |
| 23 | Dangerous Substances Act that are possessed, transferred, sold, or  |
| 24 | offered for sale in violation of this act the Uniform Controlled  |

1 <u>Dangerous Substances Act</u> are deemed contraband and shall be seized 2 and summarily forfeited.

All hazardous materials and all property contaminated with 3 Β. hazardous materials described in paragraph 2 of subsection A of 4 5 Section 2-503 of this title, used or intended to be used by persons 6 to unlawfully manufacture or attempt to manufacture any controlled dangerous substance, shall be summarily forfeited to the state and 7 submitted to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI), 8 9 Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control 10 (OBN), the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP), or the Office of the Attorney General for prompt destruction in accordance with state and 11 12 federal laws.

С. Species of plants from which controlled substances in 13 Schedules I or II of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act 14 may be derived which have been planted or cultivated in violation of 15 the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, or of which the 16 owners or cultivators are unknown, or which are wild growths, may be 17 seized by peace officers, summarily forfeited and, in lieu of the 18 eradication procedures contained in Section 2-509 of this title, 19 promptly cut and burned where seized or destroyed by applications of 20 herbicides approved for such purpose and registered for use in 21 Oklahoma by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and 22 Forestry. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous 23 24 Drugs Control shall ensure that persons spraying the plants are

trained in the appropriate use of the herbicide and any safety and
 protection issues pursuant to the requirements of the Oklahoma
 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.

4 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2-507, is 5 amended to read as follows:

Section 2-507. Any peace officer of this state seizing any of 6 the property described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection A of 7 Section 2-503 of this title shall cause a written inventory to be 8 9 made and maintain custody of the same until all legal actions have 10 been exhausted unless such property has been placed in lawful custody of a court or state or federal law enforcement agency or 11 12 unless otherwise provided by law. After all legal actions have been 13 exhausted with respect to such property, the property shall be surrendered by the court, law enforcement agency or person having 14 15 custody of the same to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI), Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs 16 Control (OBN), the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP), or the Office of 17 the Attorney General to be destroyed as provided in Section 2-508 of 18 this title. The property shall be accompanied with a written 19 inventory on forms to be furnished by the Oklahoma State Bureau of 20 Investigation. 21

22 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2-508, is 23 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 2-508. A. Except as otherwise provided, all property 2 described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection A of Section 2-503 of this title which is seized or surrendered pursuant to the provisions 3 of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act shall be 4 5 destroyed. The destruction shall be done by or at the direction of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control 6 7 (OSBNDD) (OBN), who shall have the discretion prior to destruction to preserve samples of the substance for testing. In any county 8 9 with a population of four hundred thousand (400,000) or more according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, there shall be a 10 11 located site, approved by the OSBNDD OBN, for the destruction of the 12 property. Any such property submitted to the OSBNDD OBN which it deems to be of use for investigative training, educational, or 13 analytical purposes may be retained by the OSBNDD OBN in lieu of 14 destruction. 15

1. With respect to controlled dangerous substances seized 16 в. or surrendered pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Controlled 17 Dangerous Substances Act, municipal police departments, sheriffs, 18 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control 19 20 Commission (OBN), the Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP), and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI), or the Office of the 21 Attorney General shall have the authority to destroy seized 22 controlled dangerous substances when the amount seized in a single 23 24 incident exceeds ten (10) pounds. The destroying agency shall:

- 1 photograph the seized substance with identifying case a. numbers or other means of identification, 2
- 3 b. prepare a report describing the seized substance prior to the destruction,
- 5 с. retain at least one (1) pound of the substance randomly selected from the seized substance for the 6 purpose of evidence, and 7
- d. obtain and retain samples of the substance from enough 8 9 containers, bales, bricks, or other units of substance 10 seized to establish the presence of a weight of the substance necessary to establish a violation of the 11 12 Trafficking in Illegal Drugs Act pursuant to 13 subsection C of Section 2-415 of this title, if such a weight is present. If such weight is not present, 14 samples of the substance from each container, bale, 15 brick or other unit of substance seized shall be 16 taken. Each sample taken pursuant to this section 17 shall be large enough for the destroying agency and 18 the defendant or suspect to have an independent test 19 performed on the substance for purposes of 20 identification. 21

If a defendant or suspect is known to the destroying agency, 2. 22 the destroying agency shall give at least seven (7) days' written 23

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1 notice to the defendant, suspect or counsel for the defendant or 2 suspect of:

a. the date, the time, and the place where the
photographing will take place and notice of the right
to attend the photographing, and
b. the right to obtain samples of the controlled
dangerous substance for independent testing and use as
evidence.

9 3. The written notice shall also inform the defendant, suspect 10 or counsel for the defendant or suspect that the destroying agency must be notified in writing within seven (7) days from receipt of 11 12 the notice of the intent of the suspect or defendant to obtain 13 random samples and make arrangements for the taking of samples. The samples for the defendant or suspect must be taken by a person 14 licensed by the Drug Enforcement Administration. If the defendant 15 or counsel for the defendant fails to notify the destroying agency 16 in writing of an intent to obtain samples and fails to make 17 arrangements for the taking of samples, a sample taken pursuant to 18 subparagraph d of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall be made 19 available upon request of the defendant or suspect. 20

The representative samples, the photographs, the reports, and the records made under this section and properly identified shall be admissible in any court or administrative proceeding for any

1 purposes for which the seized substance itself would have been
2 admissible.

C. All other property not otherwise provided for in the Uniform 3 Controlled Dangerous Substances Act which has come into the 4 possession of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous 5 Drugs Control, the Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State 6 Bureau of Investigation, the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement 7 Commission, the Department of Corrections, the Office of the 8 9 Attorney General, or a district attorney may be disposed of by order 10 of the district court when no longer needed in connection with any litigation. If the owner of the property is unknown to the agency 11 12 or district attorney, the agency or district attorney shall hold the property for at least six (6) months prior to filing a petition for 13 disposal with the district court except for laboratory equipment 14 which may be forfeited when no longer needed in connection with 15 litigation, unless the property is perishable. The Director or 16 17 Commissioner of the agency, the Attorney General, or district attorney shall file a petition in the district court of Oklahoma 18 County or in the case of a district attorney, the petition shall be 19 filed in a county within the jurisdiction of the district attorney 20 requesting the authority to: 21

Conduct a sale of the property at a public auction or use an
 Internet auction, which may include online bidding; or

Convert title of the property to the Oklahoma State Bureau
 of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the Department of Public
 Safety, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Alcoholic
 Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, the Department of Corrections,
 the Office of the Attorney General, or to the district attorney's
 office for the purposes provided for in subsection J, K or L of this
 section.

8 The Director, Commissioner, Attorney General or district9 attorney shall attach to the petition:

- 10a. a list describing the property, including all11identifying numbers and marks, if any,
- b. the date the property came into the possession of the
  agency or district attorney, and

14 c. the name and address of the owner, if known.

For any item having an apparent value in excess of One Hundred 15 Dollars (\$100.00), but less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), the 16 notice of the hearing of the petition for the sale of the property, 17 except laboratory equipment used in the processing, manufacturing or 18 compounding of controlled dangerous substances in violation of the 19 provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, shall 20 be given to every known owner, as set forth in the petition, by 21 first-class mail to the last-known address of the owner at least ten 22 (10) days prior to the date of the hearing. An affidavit of notice 23 being sent shall be filed with the court by a representative of the 24

1 agency, the Director or Commissioner of the agency, the Attorney 2 General or district attorney. For items in excess of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), a notice of the hearing of the petition for the 3 sale of said such property shall be delivered to every known owner 4 5 as set forth in the petition by certified mail. Notice of a hearing on a petition for forfeiture or sale of laboratory equipment used in 6 the processing, manufacturing, or compounding of controlled 7 dangerous substances in violation of the Uniform Controlled 8 9 Dangerous Substances Act shall not be required.

10 The notice shall contain a brief description of the property, and the location and date of the hearing. In addition, notice of 11 12 the hearing shall be posted in three public places in the county, one such place being the county courthouse at the regular place 13 assigned for the posting of legal notices. At the hearing, if no 14 owner appears and establishes ownership of the property, the court 15 may enter an order authorizing the Director, Commissioner, Attorney 16 General, or district attorney to donate the property pursuant to 17 subsection J, K or L of this section, to sell the property at a 18 public auction, including an Internet auction, which may include 19 online bidding, to the highest bidder, or to convert title of the 20 property to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous 21 Drugs Control, the Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State 22 Bureau of Investigation, the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement 23 Commission, the Department of Corrections, or the Office of the 24

1 Attorney General for the purposes provided for in subsection J, K or 2 L of this section after at least ten (10) days of notice has have been given by publication in one issue of a legal newspaper of the 3 county. If the property is offered for sale at public auction, 4 5 including an Internet auction, and no bid is received that exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the value of the property, such value to be 6 announced prior to the sale, the Director, Commissioner, Attorney 7 General, or district attorney may refuse to sell the item pursuant 8 9 to any bid received. The Director, Commissioner, Attorney General, 10 or district attorney shall make a return of the sale and, when confirmed by the court, the order confirming the sale shall vest in 11 12 the purchaser title to the property so purchased.

D. The money received from the sale of property by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control shall be used for general drug enforcement purposes. These funds shall be transferred to the Bureau of Narcotics Revolving Fund established pursuant to Section 2-107 of this title or in the case of a district attorney, the revolving fund provided for in paragraph 3 of subsection L of Section 2-506 of this title.

E. At the request of the Department of Public Safety, the
district attorney or a designee of the district attorney may conduct
any forfeiture proceedings as described in Section 2-503 of this
title on any property subject to forfeiture as described in
subsection A, B or C of Section 2-503 of this title. The money

received from the sale of property by the Department of Public
 Safety shall be deposited in the Department of Public Safety
 Restricted Revolving Fund and shall be expended for law enforcement
 purposes.

F. The money received from the sale of property by the
Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission shall be deposited in
the General Revenue Fund of the state.

G. The money received from the sale of property from the
Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall be deposited in the
OSBI Revolving Fund and shall be expended for law enforcement
purposes.

12 Η. The Director of the Department of Corrections shall make a return of the sale and when confirmed by the court, the order 13 confirming the sale shall vest in the purchaser title to the 14 15 property so purchased. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the money received from the sale shall be disbursed to a revolving fund in the 16 office of the county treasurer of the county wherein the property 17 was seized, said such fund to be used as a revolving fund solely for 18 enforcement of controlled dangerous substances laws, drug abuse 19 prevention and drug abuse education. The remaining seventy-five 20 percent (75%) shall be deposited in the Department of Corrections 21 Revolving Fund to be expended for equipment for probation and parole 22 officers and correctional officers. 23

1 I. The money received from the sale of property from the Office 2 of the Attorney General shall be deposited in the Attorney General General's Law Enforcement Revolving Fund and shall be expended for 3 law enforcement purposes. The Office of the Attorney General may 4 5 enter into agreements with municipal, county or state agencies to return to such an agency a percentage of proceeds of the sale of any 6 property seized by the agency and forfeited under the provisions of 7 this section. 8

9 J. Any property, including but not limited to uncontaminated 10 laboratory equipment used in the processing, manufacturing or compounding of controlled dangerous substances in violation of the 11 12 provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, upon a court order, may be donated for classroom or laboratory use by the 13 Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, 14 Department of Public Safety, district attorney, the Alcoholic 15 Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, the Department of Corrections, 16 or the Office of the Attorney General to any public secondary school 17 or technology center school in this state or any institution of 18 higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher 19 Education. 20

K. Any vehicle or firearm which has come into the possession
and title vested in the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and
Dangerous Drugs Control, the Department of Public Safety, the
Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Attorney

1 General, or a district attorney, may be transferred, donated or offered for lease to any sheriff's office, tribal law enforcement 2 3 agency, campus police department pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Campus Security Act, or police department in this state on 4 5 an annual basis to assist with the enforcement of the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act. Each agency shall 6 promulgate rules, regulations and procedures for leasing vehicles 7 and firearms. No fully automatic weapons will be subject to the 8 9 leasing agreement. All firearms leased may be utilized only by 10 C.L.E.E.T.-certified CLEET-certified officers who have received training in the type and class of weapon leased. Every lessee shall 11 12 be required to submit an annual report to the leasing agency stating the condition of all leased property. A lease agreement may be 13 renewed annually at the option of the leasing agency. 14 Upon termination of a lease agreement, the property shall be returned to 15 the leasing agency for sale or other disposition. All funds derived 16 from lease agreements or other disposition of property no longer 17 useful to law enforcement shall be deposited in the agency's 18 revolving fund, or in the case of the Department of Public Safety, 19 the Department of Public Safety Restricted Revolving Fund, and shall 20 be expended for law enforcement purposes. 21

L. Before disposing of any property pursuant to subsections C through I of this section, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the Department of Public Safety, the

1 Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, the Oklahoma State 2 Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Corrections, the Office of the Attorney General, or a district attorney may transfer or 3 donate the property to another state agency, tribal law enforcement 4 5 agency, or school district for use upon request. In addition to the provisions of this section, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics 6 and Dangerous Drugs Control may transfer or donate property for any 7 purpose pursuant to Section 2-106.2 of this title. The agencies and 8 9 any district attorney that are parties to any transfer of property pursuant to this subsection shall enter into written agreements to 10 11 carry out any such transfer of property. Any such agreement may 12 also provide for the granting of title to any property being 13 transferred as the parties deem appropriate. If the transfer of property is to a school district, a written agreement shall be 14 entered into with the superintendent of the school district. No 15 weapons may be transferred to a school district except as provided 16 for in subsection K of this section. 17 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024. 18 19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND CONTROLLED 20 SUBSTANCES, dated 04/10/2024 - DO PASS. 21 22 23 24