

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 556

By: Hall of the Senate

and

Burns of the House

An Act relating to livestock diseases; amending 2 O.S. 2011, Section 6-93, which relates to identification of animals from which blood samples are drawn; modifying identification requirement; clarifying statutory language; requiring application of official identification under certain circumstance; removing requirement; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Livestock blood sample identification

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2011, Section 6-93, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-93. A. Whenever any blood sample is drawn for the purpose of testing for brucellosis, the person drawing the blood sample shall ensure ~~the fastening~~ application of an official ~~metal tag~~ identification, approved by the State Veterinarian ~~and imprinted with a distinctive number, to the right ear of the animal from which blood is drawn.~~ If an official ear tag identification is already ~~fastened to the right ear, the number imprinted~~ present, that official identification shall be recorded ~~instead of inserting a new tag.~~

B. The person shall submit with the blood sample a written report to the State Veterinarian. The report shall be signed by the person drawing the sample and shall be on a form prescribed by the

State Veterinarian. The report shall show the ~~number on the tag fastened to the tested animal's ear~~ official identification and descriptive markings of the animal, or herd tattoo, if the tested animal is a registered animal.

C. It shall not be necessary to ~~ear tag~~ officially identify any registered animal if the ~~herd~~ registration tattoo of each animal is shown on the report. If the registration paper is not transferred with the animal, official identification shall be applied.

D. The removal of ~~the identifying metal ear tag from the animal's ear~~ official identification without prior authorization from the State Veterinarian shall be a violation of the Oklahoma Agricultural Code.

~~E. Each packing plant in this state shall collect and identify a blood sample with all identification tags from each bovine animal showing the presence of the first pair of central incisors.~~

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

Passed the Senate the 21st day of February, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 9th day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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