

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 729

By: Leewright of the Senate

3 and

4 McEntire of the House

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6 [licensed lenders - preemption - disincentives -
7 ordinances - civil action - grandfather provision -
8 codification - effective date]
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-102a of Title 14A, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. For the protection of the public financial welfare, access
15 to credit services, and for community health, peace and safety the
16 State Legislature hereby occupies and preempts the entire field of
17 legislation in this state touching in any way those businesses and
18 occupations licensed, regulated and controlled under the supervision
19 of the Department of Consumer Credit to the complete exclusion of
20 any order, ordinance or regulation by any municipality or other
21 political subdivision of this state. Any existing or future orders,
22 ordinances or regulations in this field, except as provided in
23 subsection D of this section, are null and void.
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1 B. No municipality or other political subdivision of this state
2 shall adopt or enforce any order, ordinance or regulation relating
3 to any business or person licensed, regulated and controlled under
4 the supervision of the Department of Consumer Credit in accordance
5 with Oklahoma Statutes which in any way concerns:

6 1. The function, scope or operation of such business or the
7 licensee;

8 2. The registration, permitting or licensing of such business
9 or any person employed by such business;

10 3. The regulation of interest rates or fees charged by such
11 business; or

12 4. The physical location of such business by prohibiting its
13 presence in an otherwise commercial or business-designated area or
14 by a classification or re-classification of such business by its
15 function, type or nature in an otherwise business-designated area.

16 C. No municipality or other political subdivision of this state
17 shall create any disincentive for any lender authorized and licensed
18 to make loans under Section 3-102 et seq. of Title 14A of the
19 Oklahoma Statutes from engaging in lending practices authorized by
20 Section 3-102 et seq. of Title 14A of the Oklahoma Statutes.

21 D. A municipality may adopt any ordinance relating to:

22 1. Sales tax on merchandise or taxable services sold by such
23 business or person within the jurisdiction of the municipality;

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1 2. Construction and building code permits necessary for public
2 safety, code compliance and enforcement or inspection purposes;

3 3. Signage, parking and hours of operation consistent with
4 surrounding businesses; and

5 4. The health, safety and general welfare of the public at the
6 physical site where such business is located.

7 E. When a person's rights pursuant to the protection of the
8 preemption provisions of this section have been violated, the person
9 shall have the right to bring a civil action against the persons,
10 municipality, and political subdivision jointly and severally for
11 injunctive relief or monetary damages, or both.

12 F. 1. On the effective date of this act, any business entity
13 or person licensed to do business in this state under the
14 regulation, control and supervision of the Department of Consumer
15 Credit in accordance with the Oklahoma Statutes, and operating a
16 lawful physical business facility located in this state, shall be
17 authorized to have such business and its facility, and such business
18 and its facility are hereby grandfathered in under the existing
19 local zoning ordinances and land use regulations in effect and
20 adopted by the municipality or other political subdivision of this
21 state in which such business and its facility are located on the
22 effective date of this act.

23 2. After the effective date of this act, a failure to maintain
24 a state-issued business license at such business location or a

1 change in the facility usage or physical location of such business
2 shall constitute a release of the authorized grandfather clause
3 provided in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

4 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to release the
5 protected grandfather clause provided in paragraph 1 of this
6 subsection for reason of a change in ownership or named licensee, a
7 name change of the business, or a temporary inability to occupy the
8 business premises due to damage or loss of use resulting from an
9 accident, natural occurrence or other occupancy restriction not the
10 fault of the owner or business licensee.

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

12 Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2019.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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16 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
17 2019.

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