

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 11, 2019

3 SENATE BILL NO. 556

By: Hall

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

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

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

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

1 B. The person shall submit with the blood sample a written
2 report to the State Veterinarian. The report shall be signed by the
3 person drawing the sample and shall be on a form prescribed by the
4 State Veterinarian. The report shall show the ~~number on the tag~~
5 ~~fastened to the tested animal's ear~~ official identification and
6 descriptive markings of the animal, or herd tattoo, if the tested
7 animal is a registered animal.

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

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

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

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

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE
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