An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1103

By: Biggs, Murdock and Pfeiffer
of the House

and

Justice of the Senate

An Act relating to agriculture; providing limited exemption to the Open Records Act; prohibiting specific information from being released except under certain circumstances; providing that confidentiality requirements shall not limit use of information for certain purposes; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Reports of contagious or infectious animal diseases

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-5 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any report of contagious or infectious animal diseases obtained pursuant to the requirements of Section 698.15 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes and rules promulgated by the State Board of Agriculture shall not be required to be produced pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act except in such a way that no person or farm can be individually identified, unless otherwise provided for by law. Specific information shall not be released except under the following circumstances:

1. Release is made upon court order;

2. Release is made in writing, by or with the written consent of the person whose information is being kept confidential;

3. Release is necessary as determined by the State Veterinarian to protect the health and well-being of the general public or domestic animals;

4. Release is made of medical or epidemiological information to health or veterinary professionals, appropriate state agencies or appropriate courts to enforce the provisions of this title and related rules concerning the control and treatment of animal diseases; or

5. Release is made of specific medical or epidemiological information for statistical purposes whether within the State of Oklahoma or throughout the United States, in such a way that no person or farm can be identified.

B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the ability of the State Veterinarian or the State Board of Agriculture from utilizing reported information to the extent deemed necessary and for enforcing any provisions of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 13th day of April, 2015.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 14th
day of April, 20 15, at 2:25 o'clock P M.
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Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 17th
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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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