

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2008

By: Humphrey, Caldwell (Trey),
Hardin (David), Roe, Grego,
West (Josh), Pittman, Russ
and Steagall of the House

and

Bullard, Howard, Boggs,
Scott and Bergstrom of the
Senate

An Act relating to livestock products; authorizing the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to implement certain standards to market and sell beef and bison products under certain conditions; authorizing the Department to promulgate certain rules regarding slaughter facilities; requiring that promulgated rules will not compromise safety; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Livestock products

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 6-182.1 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Upon approval by the United States Department of Agriculture, the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry may establish standards for Oklahoma producers that market and sell beef and bison in intrastate commerce.

B. The Department is authorized to promulgate rules regarding slaughter facilities that provide for the following:

1. Establish standards that allow for flexibility in beef and bison inspection, including, but not limited to, establishing the

number of inspectors at a facility and the use of technologies to digitally inspect meat;

2. Establish standards for the labeling of beef and bison products sold intrastate;

3. Establish standards for the number of head over which a facility shall pay for a state inspector; and

4. Establish any other standards necessary to increase the ability of producers to market and sell beef and bison in intrastate commerce.

C. Any rules promulgated pursuant to this section shall ensure that food safety will not be compromised in any way and will ensure that consumers are protected.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of May, 2020.

Wahneema Lubiano
Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 12th day of May, 2020.

Frankie Criss
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 14th
day of May, 20 20, at 10:56 o'clock p. M.
By: Sumer Curry

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 20th
day of May, 20 20, at 9:30 o'clock a. M.
K. J. Lesch
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 20
day of May, 20 20, at 10:53 o'clock p. M.
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