

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3428

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; creating an
8 Agricultural Theft Investigation Unit within the
9 Office of the Attorney General; providing duties of
10 the Agricultural Theft Investigation Unit; directing
11 certain agencies and individuals to cooperate and
12 coordinate efforts for investigations and
13 prosecutions; providing for codification; and
14 providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 18q of Title 74, unless there is
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. There is hereby created within the Office of the Attorney
20 General an Agricultural Theft Investigation Unit.

21 B. The Agricultural Theft Investigation Unit, upon inquiry or
22 complaint, or upon referral from the Oklahoma Department of
23 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, shall determine the extent, if any,
24 to which a violation has occurred of any statute or administrative
rule of this state pertaining to theft of livestock, farming
equipment and farm implements and may initiate any necessary

1 investigation, civil action, criminal action, referral to a district
2 attorney, or referral to any appropriate official of this or any
3 other state or of the federal government.

4 C. The Attorney General and the Office of the Attorney General,
5 the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, every
6 district attorney, and every law enforcement agency shall cooperate
7 and coordinate efforts for the investigation and prosecution of
8 suspected theft of livestock, farming equipment and farm implements.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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