

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 8, 2022

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1111

By: Howard

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6 An Act relating to crime and punishment; amending 21
7 O.S. 2021, Section 717, which relates to the owner of
8 a mischievous animal which kills person; modifying
penalty; providing definitions; and providing an
effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 717, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 717. A. If the owner of a mischievous animal, knowing
15 its propensities, wilfully suffers it to go at large, or keeps it
16 without ordinary care, and such animal, while so at large or not
17 confined, kills any human being who has taken all the precautions
18 which the circumstances permitted, to avoid such animal, the owner
19 is deemed guilty of ~~manslaughter in the second degree~~ a felony
20 punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of
21 Corrections for a term not less than four (4) years.

22 B. As used in this section:
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1 1. "Mischievous animal" shall mean any animal when unprovoked,
2 in an aggressive manner, inflicts great bodily injury on or kills a
3 human being; and

4 2. "Great bodily injury" means bone fracture, protracted and
5 obvious disfigurement, protracted loss or impairment of the function
6 of a body part, organ, or mental faculty, or substantial risk of
7 death.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
10 February 8, 2022 - DO PASS

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