

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 280

By: Woods

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to wildlife; creating the Feral Swine Eradication and Control Grant Program; stating purpose of program; stating eligibility for grants; authorizing the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to implement certain program; requiring collaboration from other Oklahoma entities; setting maximum funds; stating use of funds; providing for indemnity of the Department from damages resulting from implementation of this program; exempting indemnity from certain issues; providing for the promulgation of rules; allowing the Department to provide exemptions from certain permitting; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 6-615 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Feral Swine Eradication and Control Grant Program. The purpose of the grant program shall be to provide Oklahomans with education, equipment, and services associated with the eradication and control of feral swine in Oklahoma.

1           B. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry  
2 shall, through collaboration with the Department of Wildlife  
3 Conservation and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, implement a  
4 program or programs for the distribution of resources to assist with  
5 the capture or deterrence of feral swine populations affecting  
6 Oklahoma landowners or land lessors.

7           C. The total maximum grant fund shall be no more than Five  
8 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). The funds shall be derived  
9 from legislative appropriations and other public and private sources  
10 of monies including other grants and matching funds received by this  
11 state from federal sources. The grants awarded through the Feral  
12 Swine Eradication and Control Grant Program shall only be available  
13 for the equipment, education, and services provided to Oklahomans  
14 for the eradication of feral swine.

15           D. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry,  
16 or any employee or agent of the Department shall not be liable for  
17 damages in any civil suit or subject to criminal prosecution for any  
18 injury resulting from the program, unless the injury or death is a  
19 direct result of the gross negligence, recklessness, or intentional  
20 misconduct of the Department or any employee or agent of the  
21 Department.

22           E. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry  
23 shall promulgate the rules necessary for the implementation of this  
24 program along with any educational material necessary for the proper  
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1 eradication of feral swine for the landowners and land lessors  
2 through this program as not to violate the provisions of subsection  
3 D of this section. The Department may allow exemptions for  
4 landowners and land lessors participating in this program from the  
5 permits required to control nuisance and invasive species set forth  
6 in Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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