

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY CHAPTER 15. ANIMAL INDUSTRY

(A) **PURPOSE AND LEGAL BASIS OF THE PROPOSED RULE:**

The proposed rule amendment removes duplicate language for biological products pursuant to Okla. Const., Art. 6, § 31, State Board of Agriculture, 2 O.S. § 2-4(A)(2) and (A)(7), and 2 O.S. § 6-135. The proposed amendments add a late fee for sports facilities that renew after deadline pursuant to Okla. Const., Art. 6, § 31, State Board of Agriculture, 2 O.S. § 2-4(A)(2), and 2 § 6-607. The proposed rule amendments create an exemption for deer meeting the specifications of Chronic Wasting Disease Genetic Improvement Program (CWDGIP) to be sold or released pursuant to Okla. Const., Art. 6, § 31, State Board of Agriculture 2 O.S. § 2-4(A)(2) and (A)(7), and 2 O.S. § 6-503. The proposed rule amendments create rules for handling livestock involved in vehicular accidents pursuant to Okla. Const., Art. 6, § 31, State Board of Agriculture 2 O.S. § 2-4(A)(2) and (A)(7), and 47 O.S. § 955.1.

(B) **CLASSIFICATION:**

This rule amendment is classified as a *nonmajor rule amendment* with little to no financial impact.

(C) **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

The proposed rule amendment removes duplicate language for biological products; adds a late fee for sports facilities that renew after deadline; creates an exemption for deer meeting the specifications of Chronic Wasting Disease Genetic Improvement Program to be sold or released; creates rules for handling livestock involved in vehicular accidents.

(D) **CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MOST LIKELY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RULE AND ANY INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES:**

The proposed rules affect people who have sporting facility licenses, participate in the CWDGIP program, and people who assist or own animals involved in livestock vehicle accidents. No cost impacts have been received to date.

(E) **PERSONS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED RULE:**

People who have sporting facility licenses, people who participate in the CWDGIP program, and people who assist or own animals involved in livestock vehicle accidents will benefit from the proposed rules.

(F) **DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT:**

Sporting facilities: The proposed permanent amendments will have little to no economic impact on the affected classes, affected businesses, business sectors, individuals, state or local government entities, and the state economy. Based on the average number of license renewals that are filed late each year, the Department estimates that approximately

\$1,600.00 will be spent by sporting facilities that renew their licenses late. Over five years this will be approximately \$8,000.00. No additional agency personnel or budget expenses are anticipated.

CWDGIP: The proposed permanent amendments will have little economic impact on the affected classes, affected businesses, business sectors, individuals, state or local government entities, and the state economy. The rule will reduce costs for those meeting the requirements because they will be exempted from record keeping requirements and therefore it will save money. No additional agency personnel or budget expenses are anticipated.

Livestock in vehicular accidents: The proposed permanent amendments will have little economic impact on the affected classes, affected businesses, business sectors, individuals, state or local government entities, and the state economy. The Department estimates that the new rules will cost on average \$12,000.00 a year depending on the number of accidents per year. Over five years this will be approximately \$60,000.00 for the Department and counties. No additional agency personnel or budget expenses are anticipated.

No information on direct or indirect cost impact has been received by the agency from private or public entities to date.

(G) METHODOLOGY OF PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Sporting facilities: The methodology focused on indirect, direct, measurable impacts, primarily concerning fees and administrative costs. The analysis was conducted under the assumption that roughly the same number of licenses will be renewed late each year. In the past few years, the maximum number of licenses renewed after June 1st was 4. The Department came to a total of \$1,600 per year by multiplying the maximum number of late renewals submitted (4) by the proposed late fee (\$400.00). To determine the 5-year impact the Department multiplied the yearly total of \$1,600.00 by 5, which equals \$8,000.00. The late fee is double the renewal fee and is set to deter a facility from missing the filing deadline. Additionally, the late fee was added to reduce costs for the Department. The late fee allows the Department to collect a fee instead of pursuing administrative action against the facility, which would cost the Department more time and money.

CWDGIP: The methodology focused on indirect, direct, measurable impacts, primarily concerning fees and administrative costs. The average costs for record keeping for chronic wasting disease range from \$200 to \$1,000 per year for standard software. By removing this requirement for those that meet the requirements under 35:15-44-22(d), it will reduce the cost to individuals or business participating in the program.

Livestock in vehicular accidents: The methodology focused on indirect, direct, measurable impacts, primarily concerning fees and administrative costs. The Department estimates that it will cost \$2,000 per year to provide training for all relevant state, county, and local agencies. Additionally, the Department is estimating up to \$10,000 total for all

counties per year that respond to these types of accidents. This total is taking into account additional time or resources that may be spent assisting. The Department cannot determine the exact cost because the number of accidents per year may vary. To determine the 5-year impact the Department multiplied the yearly total of \$12,000.00 by 5, which equals \$60,000.00. Costs sustained by the owners and transporters of the animals as a result of the accident will be covered by their insurance and are not part of this analysis.

(H) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION WILL HAVE ANY ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR REQUIRE THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE PROPOSED RULE:**

No effect on any political subdivision is anticipated by the proposed rules.

(I) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS AS PROVIDED BY THE OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT:**

The proposed rules will have no adverse effect on small businesses.

(J) **DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY METHODS OR NON-REGULATORY METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULES:**

The Department is unaware of any non-regulatory methods to achieve the purpose of the proposed rules. No measures were necessary to minimize compliance costs, as no costs are imposed by the rule.

(K) **DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:**

The proposed rules will benefit public health, safety, and the environment.

(L) **DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND ENVIRONMENT:**

The Department is not aware of any detrimental effect the proposed rules will have on public health, safety, and environment.

(M) **DATE RULE IMPACT STATEMENT WAS PREPARED:**

This rule impact statement was prepared on September 28, 2026.