

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 SENATE BILL 537

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to vagrancy; amending 11 O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 22-123, which relates to vagrancy; defining  
9 term; authorizing business to contact law enforcement  
under certain circumstances; requiring removal of  
vagrant within certain distance of business upon  
certain determination; and providing an effective  
date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 22-123, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 22-123. A. As used in this act, "vagrant" means a  
15 person who is in, remains in, or wanders about a public or private  
16 place for any illegal purpose.

17 B. The A municipal governing body may provide by ordinance for  
18 the arrest, fine, and imprisonment of vagrants.

19 C. The proprietor or manager of a business has the right to  
20 contact law enforcement to remove a vagrant if the vagrant is within  
21 twelve (12) feet of any doorway of the business, even if such  
22 vagrant is on public property.

1       D. Upon arrival at the business, the law enforcement officer  
2       shall determine, through personal observation or viewing of video  
3       footage, whether the person accused of being a vagrant meets the  
4       definition provided in subsection A of this section. Upon  
5       determination that the person meets the definition of a vagrant, the  
6       officer shall relocate the vagrant to public property that is at  
7       least one-half (1/2) mile away from the location of the business  
8       which made the initial contact to law enforcement. The location for  
9       relocation shall not be within one-quarter (1/4) mile of any other  
10      business.

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