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SENATE BILL No. 162

By Committee on Ways and Means

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AN ACT concerning public health and safety; relating to dangerous 1 2 regulated animals; pertaining to the sale, slaughter and acquisition of 3 such animals; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1301, 32-1302, 32-1303, 32-1304, 32-1305, 32-1306, 32-1307, 32-1308 and 32-1310 and 4 5 repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-6 1309. 7 8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: 9 Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1301 is hereby amended to read as 10 follows: 32-1301. As used in this act: 11 (a) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, 12 association, municipality or other business entity. (b) "Wildlife sanctuary" means a not-for-profit organization exempt 13 14 from federal income taxation pursuant to section 501 (c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986, as in effect on July 1, 2006 2017, that: 15 (1) Operates a place of refuge where abused, neglected, unwanted, 16 impounded, abandoned, orphaned or displaced dangerous regulated 17 18 animals are provided care for such animal's lifetime; 19 (2) does not conduct any commercial activity with respect to any 20 dangerous regulated animal possessed by the organization; 21 (3) does not sell, trade, auction, lease or loan dangerous regulated 22 animals, or parts thereof, which that the organization possesses; 23 (4) does not breed any dangerous regulated animal-of which that the 24 organization possesses, except as an integral part of the species survival 25 plan of the American zoo and aquarium association of zoos and 26 aauariums: 27 (5) does not conduct any activity that is not inherent to the dangerous 28 regulated animal's nature: 29 (6) does not use the dangerous regulated animal for any type of 30 entertainment purposes; and 31 (7) operates a refuge in compliance with regulations promulgated by 32 the United States department of agriculture for dangerous regulated 33 animals, except non-native, venomous snakes, under the animal welfare act, public law 89-544, as amended and in effect on July 1, 2006 2017, and 34 35 the regulations and standards adopted under such act in effect on July 1, 36 2006 2017, relating to operations, animal health and husbandry. All

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dangerous regulated animals shall be caged in compliance with the
 provisions set forth in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1306, and amendments
 thereto.

(c) "Possess" means to own, care for, have custody of or control.

5 (d) "Dangerous regulated animal" means a live or slaughtered parts 6 of:

7 (1) Lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars, cheetahs and mountain lions, or 8 any hybrid thereof;

- (2) bears or any hybrid thereof; and
- 10 (3) nonhuman primates;
 - (4) wolves, excluding any hybrid thereof; and
 - (5) all non-native, venomous snakes.

"Local animal control authority" means an agency of the county 13 (e) or city that is responsible for animal control operations in such 14 governmental entity's jurisdiction and includes the animal control officer, 15 16 as defined by K.S.A. 47-1701, and amendments thereto, of such county or 17 city. If the county or city does not have an animal control officer, for cities 18 of the first class, the chief law enforcement officer shall have the local 19 animal control authority duties and responsibilities pursuant to this act and for all other cities and counties, the county sheriff shall have the local 20 21 animal control authority duties and responsibilities pursuant to this act.

(f) "Registered designated handler" means a person who is registered
or would be required to be registered pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 321310, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-1302. (a) Except as provided in this section, It is unlawful for a person to possess, slaughter, sell, purchase or otherwise acquire a *live* dangerous regulated animal.

29 (b) On and after October 1, 2006, a person who possesses a-30 dangerous regulated animal shall be in compliance with regulations-31 promulgated by the United States department of agriculture for dangerous 32 regulated animals, except non-native, venomous snakes, under the animal 33 welfare act, public law 89-544, as amended and in effect on July 1, 2006, 34 and the regulations and standards adopted under such act in effect on July 35 1, 2006, relating to operations, animal health and husbandry; and to-36 provide adequate veterinary care for dangerous regulated animals. All-37 dangerous regulated animals shall be caged in compliance with the 38 provisions set forth in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1306, and amendments-39 thereto-40 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), a person shall not take-

- 41 possession of a dangerous regulated animal or allow dangerous regulated
 42 animals in such person's possession to breed.
- 43 (d) A person who possesses a valid United States department of

1 agriculture license, is in compliance with the United States department of agriculture animal welfare act, regulations and standards on July 1, 2006, 2 3 and, within 10 years preceding July 1, 2006, has not been convicted of a 4 felony under the laws of Kansas or a crime under a law of another-5 jurisdiction which is substantially the same as a felony, may breed,-6 purchase or otherwise acquire new dangerous regulated animals after July 7 1, 2006, in order to: 8 (1) Maintain the operating inventory of dangerous regulated animals

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possessed on July 1, 2006; 10 (2) sell dangerous regulated animals to other United States-

11 department of agriculture licensed and compliant facilities within Kansas 12 for replacement purposes as provided in paragraph (1); and

13 (3) sell dangerous regulated animals outside Kansas Notwithstanding 14 any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful for any person to allow any 15 member of the public to come into direct contact with a live dangerous 16 regulated animal, regardless of the age or size of the animal.

17 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1303 is hereby amended to read as 18 follows: 32-1303. (a) On and after September 1, 2006, a person who-19 possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall notify, in writing, and 20 register the dangerous regulated animal with the local animal control-21 authority.

22 (b) The notification shall include the person's name, address,-23 telephone number and a complete inventory of each dangerous regulated 24 animal that the person possesses. The inventory shall include the following 25 information: Number and species of each dangerous regulated animal; the 26 microchip identification number and manufacturer of such microchip for-27 each dangerous regulated animal, if available; the exact location where 28 each dangerous regulated animal is kept; the age, sex, color, weight, scars 29 and any distinguishing marks of each dangerous regulated animal; and the 30 name of any person who is a registered designated handler.

(c) When a person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal has a 31 32 microchip implanted in such animal for identification, the name of the-33 microchip manufacturer and the microchip identification number shall be 34 provided to the local animal control authority. If a dangerous regulated 35 animal is sedated for any reason and such animal does not have a-36 microchip implanted, a microchip shall be implanted in such animal. 37 Within 30 days after the microchip is implanted, the name of the microchip 38 manufacturer and the microchip identification number shall be provided to 39 the local animal control authority. Within 30 days of acquisition, a person 40 acquiring ownership of an offspring with a microchip implanted shallcomply with microchip information reporting requirements of this-41 42 subsection.

43 (d) The prohibitions in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302(a), and 1 amendments thereto, shall not apply to persons 21 years of age or older

who lawfully possessed a dangerous regulated animal prior to July 1,
2017, provided that:

4 (1) Such person maintains veterinary records, acquisition papers, or 5 other documents or records that establish that the person lawfully 6 possessed the dangerous regulated animal prior to July 1, 2017;

7 (2) such person shall not acquire any additional dangerous regulated 8 animals after July 1, 2017, whether by purchase, donation or breeding, 9 unless such additional dangerous regulated animals are born from 10 dangerous regulated animals owned by such person prior to July 1, 2017, 11 following a gestation period beginning prior to July 1, 2017;

(3) such person has not been convicted of an offense involving the
abuse or neglect of any animal pursuant to any state, local or federal law,
and has not been convicted of any felony within the past 10 years;

(4) such person has not had a license or permit regarding the care,
possession, exhibition, breeding or sale of animals revoked or suspended
by any state, local or federal agency;

18 (5) the facility and the conditions in which each dangerous regulated 19 animal is kept comply with the husbandry, caging and care standards 20 adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1305 and 32-1306, and 21 amendments thereto;

(6) such person has an identification number placed in the dangerous
regulated animal via subcutaneous microchip, at the expense of the owner,
unless a veterinarian determines such implantation would be harmful to
the dangerous regulated animal's wellbeing; and

(7) such person submits an application for registration by September
1, 2017, and annually thereafter, to the local animal control authority,
including the person's name, address, telephone number and a complete
inventory of each dangerous regulated animal that the person possesses.
The inventory shall include a photograph of each dangerous regulated
animal and the following information:

(A) Number and species of each dangerous regulated animal; the
 microchip identification number and manufacturer of such microchip for
 each dangerous regulated animal, if available;

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(B) the location where each dangerous regulated animal is kept;

36 (*C*) the age, sex, color, weight, scars and any distinguishing marks of 37 each dangerous regulated animal;

(D) the name of any person who is a registered designated handler;and

40 *(E)* the name and address of the person from whom the applicant 41 obtained the dangerous regulated animal, if known.

42 (b) A local animal control authority may inspect the premises where 43 dangerous regulated animals are physically located. 1 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1304 is hereby amended to read as 2 follows: 32-1304. (a) The local animal control authority may charge the 3 following annual fees:

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(1) Premises inspection fee *of* not more than \$100.

5 (2) Dangerous regulated animal registration fee, per animal, *of* not 6 more than \$50. The maximum amount charged for such animal registration 7 per person is \$500.

8 (3) Additional-premise premises inspection fee, if the person acquires
 9 and possesses another type of dangerous regulated animal, of not more
 10 than \$100.

(b) A certificate of registration-shall may be issued by the local
animal control authority to the person for each dangerous regulated animal
and upon inspection-upon, payment of the fee and compliance with K.S.A.
2016 Supp. 32-1303(a), and amendments thereto.

15 (c) Any person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall 16 maintain liability insurance coverage or secure a bond in an amount of not less than \$250,000 for each occurrence for liability damages for 17 18 destruction of or damage to property and death or bodily injury to a person 19 caused by the dangerous regulated animal. The person possessing the 20 animal shall provide a copy of the policy for liability insurance or proof of the bond to the local animal control authority. Any insurer shall notify the 21 22 local animal control authority, in writing, of any expiration, reduction or 23 cancellation of liability insurance, furnished as required by this subsection, not later than 10 days before the expiration, reduction or cancellation takes 24 25 effect. Any surety company who secures the performance of the bond shall notify the local animal control authority, in writing, of any expiration, 26 27 reduction or cancellation of the bond, furnished as required by this 28 subsection, not later than 10 days before the expiration, reduction or cancellation takes effect. 29

(d) Any fees charged and collected shall be retained by the localanimal control authority to be used to implement the provisions of this act.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1305 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-1305. (a) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall meet the requirements set forth in this section.

(b) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall maintain health and ownership records on each dangerous regulated animal and shall maintain the records for the life of the animal. If possession of the dangerous regulated animal is transferred to another person, a copy of the health and ownership records shall accompany the animal.

41 (c) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall
42 maintain an ongoing program of veterinary care-which *that* includes a
43 veterinary visit to the premises at least annually.

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(d) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall notify 1 the local animal control authority in writing within 10 days of a change in 2 address or location where the dangerous regulated animal is kept. 3

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(e) A person with a United States department of agriculture license 5 for dangerous regulated animals shall forward a copy of such person's 6 United States department of agriculture inspection report to the local 7 animal control authority within 30 days of receipt of the inspection report.

8 (f) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall 9 prominently display a sign on the structure where the animal is housed indicating that a dangerous regulated animal is on the premises. 10

(g) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall 11 immediately notify local law enforcement officials of any escape of a 12 dangerous regulated animal. The person who possesses the dangerous 13 regulated animal is liable for any costs incurred by any person, city, county 14 15 or state agency resulting from the escape of a dangerous regulated animal 16 unless the escape is due to a criminal act by another person or a natural 17 event

18 (h) A person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal shall 19 maintain a written recovery plan in the event of the escape of a dangerous regulated animal. The person shall maintain live traps or other equipment 20 21 necessary to assist in the recovery of the dangerous regulated animal.

22 (i) If requested by the local animal control authority. A person may 23 not move a dangerous regulated animal from such animal's location unless the person notifies the local animal control authority prior to moving the 24 25 animal. The notification shall include the date and the location where the 26 animal is moved. This subsection shall not apply to a dangerous regulated 27 animal transported to a licensed veterinarian.

28 (i) If a person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal can no 29 longer care for the animal, the person shall take the appropriate steps to find long-term placement for the dangerous regulated animal *in a facility* 30 31 exempted under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1308, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1306 is hereby amended to read as 32 33 follows: 32-1306. (a) All dangerous regulated animals shall be confined 34 within a cage of sufficient strength and design for the purposes of 35 maintaining and housing or transporting the animal. The requirements for sufficient caging shall be established by rules and regulations adopted by 36 37 the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism. Any cage or confinement 38 structure shall be constructed in such a manner that prohibits physical-39 contact with any person other than such persons listed in subsection (d).

40 (b) No dangerous regulated animal shall be allowed to be tethered, 41 leashed or chained outdoors, or allowed to run at large.

42 (c) A dangerous regulated animal shall not be mistreated, neglected, 43 abandoned or deprived of necessary food, water and sustenance.

1 (d) A dangerous regulated animal shall not be allowed to come into 2 physical contact with any person other than the person possessing the 3 animal, the registered designated handler or a veterinarian administering 4 medical examination, treatment or care. *If a dangerous regulated animal* 5 *potentially exposes a human to rabies or any other zoonotic disease, the* 6 *owner of the dangerous regulated animal shall report the potential* 7 *exposure to the local animal control authority within 24 hours.*

8 (e) A dangerous regulated animal shall not be brought to any public
 9 property or commercial or retail establishment, except to bring the animal
 10 to a licensed veterinarian or veterinarian clinic.

(f) A dangerous regulated animal shall not be allowed to be in
proximity to members of the public, including, but not limited to, offering
photographic opportunities next to dangerous regulated animals of any
age or size, without sufficient distance and protective barriers.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1307 is hereby amended to read as follows: 32-1307. (a) Any dangerous regulated animal may be seized by the local animal control authority as provided in this section.

(b) The local animal control authority, upon issuance of a notice of
inspection, shall be granted access at reasonable times to premises where
the local animal control authority has reason to believe a violation of this
act is occurring or has occurred.

(c) If a person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal is not in
 compliance with the requirements of this act, the local animal control
 authority shall take possession of the animal for custody and care,
 following the procedures in this subsection.

26 (d) Upon request of a person possessing a dangerous regulated 27 animal, the local animal control authority may allow the animal to remain 28 in the physical custody of the owner for 30 days, during which time the 29 owner shall take all necessary actions to come in compliance with this act. During the 30-day period, the local animal control authority may inspect, 30 31 at any reasonable time, the premises where the animal is kept. The local 32 animal control authority may extend such 30-day period by not more than 33 an additional 30 days.

34 (e) If a person who possesses a dangerous regulated animal is not in compliance with this act following the 30-day period described in 35 36 subsection (d), the local animal control authority shall seize the animal and 37 place it in a holding facility that is appropriate for the species for up to 10 38 days. The authority taking custody of an animal under this subsection shall 39 provide a notice of the seizure by delivering or mailing it to the person 40 possessing such dangerous regulated animal, by posting a copy of the 41 notice at the premise where the animal is taken into custody, or by 42 delivering it to a person residing on the premise. The notice shall include:

43 (1) A description of the animal seized; the authority for and purpose

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1 of the seizure; the time, place and circumstances under which the animal 2 was seized; and a contact person and telephone number;

3 (2) a statement that a person from whom a dangerous regulated 4 animal was seized may post security to prevent disposition of the animal 5 and may request a hearing concerning the seizure and that failure to do so 6 within five business days of the date of the notice will result in disposition 7 of the animal;

8 (3) a statement that actual costs of the care, keeping and disposal of 9 the dangerous regulated animal are the responsibility of the person from 10 whom the animal was seized, except to the extent that a court or hearing officer finds that the seizure was not substantially justified by law; and 11

12 (4) a form that can be used by a person from whom a dangerous regulated animal was seized for requesting a hearing under this subsection. 13

(f) If a person from whom the dangerous regulated animal was seized 14 makes a request within five business days of the seizure, a hearing must be 15 16 held within five business days of the request to determine the validity of 17 the seizure and disposition of the animal. The judge or hearing officer may 18 authorize the return of the animal to the person from whom the animal was 19 seized if the judge or hearing officer finds:

20 (1) That the person can and will provide the care required by law for 21 the dangerous regulated animal; and

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(2) the dangerous regulated animal is physically fit.

23 (g) If a judge or hearing officer orders a permanent disposition of the 24 dangerous regulated animal, the local animal control authority may take 25 steps to find long-term placement for the animal with a wildlife sanctuaryor an appropriate United States department of agriculture licensed a 26 27 facility exempted under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1308, and amendments 28 thereto.

29 (h) A person from whom a dangerous regulated animal is seized is 30 liable for all actual costs of care, keeping and disposal of the animal, 31 except to the extent that a court or hearing officer finds that the seizure 32 was not substantially justified by law. The costs shall be paid in full or a 33 mutually satisfactory arrangement for payment shall be made between the 34 local animal control authority and the person claiming an interest in the 35 animal before return of the animal to the person.

36 (i) A person from whom a dangerous regulated animal has been 37 seized under this subsection may prevent disposition of the animal by 38 posting security in the amount sufficient to provide for the actual costs of 39 care and keeping of the animal. The security shall be posted within five 40 business days of the seizure, inclusive of the day of the seizure.

41 (i) If circumstances exist threatening the life of a person or the life of 42 any animal, any law enforcement agency or the local animal control 43 authority shall seize a dangerous regulated animal without an opportunity

1 for hearing or court order, or destroy the animal.

2 (k) Upon proper determination by a licensed veterinarian, any 3 dangerous regulated animal taken into custody under this section may be 4 immediately euthanized when the dangerous regulated animal is suffering 5 and is beyond cure through reasonable care and treatment.

6 (l) The agency or authority taking custody of the dangerous regulated 7 animal may recover all costs incurred under this section.

8 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1308 is hereby amended to read as 9 follows: 32-1308. Exemptions to the provisions set forth in this act are as 10 follows:

11 (a) Institutions accredited by the <u>American zoo and aquarium</u> 12 association *of zoos and aquariums* or the zoological association of 13 America shall be exempt from K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302(*a*) and 32-1303, and amendments thereto.

15 (b) A wildlife sanctuary registered with the local animal control 16 authority shall be exempt from K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302(a), and 17 amendments thereto.

(c) The Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism, or a person
 issued a permit by the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 32-952, and
 amendments thereto, shall be exempt from this act.

(d) A licensed or accredited research or medical institution shall be
 exempt from K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302 and 32-1303, and amendments
 thereto.

(e) A United States department of agriculture licensed exhibitor of
 dangerous regulated animals while transporting or as part of a circus,
 carnival, rodeo or fair shall be exempt from this act.

(d) An exhibitor holding a valid class "C" license issued under the 27 animal welfare act, 7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq., as in effect on July 1, 2017, 28 that is not based in this state, does not conduct performances in this state 29 for more than 30 days in any 12-month period, and that regularly 30 conducts performances featuring live animals and multiple trained human 31 32 entertainers, including clowns and acrobats, is exempt from the provisions of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302(a), 32-1303, 32-1305 and 32-1306, and 33 34 amendments thereto, with the exceptions of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1306(d) and (f), and amendments thereto. When a dangerous regulated animal is 35 not being exhibited as such, the animal shall be maintained at all times in 36 37 a species-appropriate cage or travel container. Such exhibitor shall 38 provide written notice of the transport to a state veterinarian at least 72 39 hours prior to entering the state, identifying the number and type of dangerous regulated animals that will be transported. This notification is 40 41 in addition to any veterinary certificate or other permits required by local, state or federal law. 42

43 (e) A person temporarily transporting a legally owned dangerous

1 regulated animal through the state shall be exempt from this act, with the 2 exceptions of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1302(b) and 32-1306(d) and (f), and 3 amendments thereto, if the transit time is not more than 48 hours, the 4 dangerous regulated animal is not exhibited and the dangerous regulated 5 animal is maintained at all times in a species-appropriate cage or other 6 travel container. Such transporters shall provide written notice of the 7 transport to the state veterinarian at least 72 hours prior to entering the 8 state, identifying the number and type of dangerous regulated animals that 9 will be transported. This notification is in addition to any veterinary 10 certificate or other permits required by state, local or federal law.

11 *(f)* Law enforcement officers shall be exempt from this act for 12 purposes of enforcement.

(g) Duly incorporated nonprofit animal protection organizations,
 such as humane societies and animal shelters, temporarily housing a
 dangerous regulated animal at the written request of law enforcement
 officers acting under the authority of this act shall be exempt from this act.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1310 is hereby amended to read as 17 18 follows: 32-1310. (a) Annually, on or before April 1, a local animal control 19 authority shall report to the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism on 20 dangerous regulated animals registered with the local animal control 21 authority during the preceding calendar year. The report shall include all 22 registration information submitted to the local animal control authority 23 under-subsection (b) of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1303(b), and amendments 24 thereto, and information on enforcement actions taken under this act.

25 (b) It shall be a violation of this act for a person who does not own the dangerous regulated animal, to care for, have custody or control of 26 27 such animal unless such person is an employee of the person who owns the 28 dangerous regulated animal and is a registered designated handler. Any 29 such person applying for a designated handler registration shall file an 30 application on a form prescribed by the local animal control authority. 31 Application for such registration shall be accompanied by an application 32 fee not exceeding \$25. If the local animal control authority finds the 33 applicant to be qualified to be a registered designated handler after 34 meeting the training, experience and ability requirements determined by the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism, the local animal control 35 36 authority-shall may issue a designated handler registration-which that shall 37 expire at the end of the calendar year.

(c) The secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism shall provide
 educational training programs for the local animal control authority
 concerning the provisions of this act and the handling of dangerous
 regulated animals.

42 (d) The secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism shall adopt rules and 43 regulations:

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(1) Establishing training, experience and ability requirements for 1 registered designated handlers; and 2

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(2) to implement the provisions of this act.
Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 32-1301, 32-1302, 32-1303, 32-1304, 32-1305, 32-1306, 32-1307, 32-1308, 32-1309 and 32-1310 are hereby 5 repealed. 6

7 Sec. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 8 publication in the statute book.