

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 941

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and

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An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 3-103, which relates to function, powers, and duties of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission; requiring a report to be submitted to the Legislature regarding changes in license fees; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-110, which relates to fishing licenses; increasing age threshold for licenses; increasing fees; removing certain deposits of fees into certain fund; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 96, O.S.L. 2023 (29 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 4-112), which relates to hunting license; increasing age threshold for license; increasing fees; modifying requirements for disabled veterans; removing certain deposits of fees into certain fund; eliminating certain licenses; providing for promulgation of rules; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-113, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 4-113), which relates to hunting/fishing annual combination licenses; increasing age threshold for license;

increasing fee; removing certain deposit of fee into certain fund; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-113.1, which relates to five-year licenses; decreasing time period of licenses; increasing fees; removing certain deposits of fee into certain fund; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-114, which relates to lifetime license; increasing fees; removing certain deposits of fee into certain fund; removing delayed payment of fee for license; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-130, which relates to waterfowl hunting stamp; increasing age threshold for stamp; removing certain deposit of fee into certain fund; increasing fees; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-138, which relates to the Wildlife Conservation Passport; requiring passport for land managed by the Commission; increasing age threshold for exemption; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-140, which relates to wildlife land stamp; removing provisions of distribution; allowing for stamp fees to be used for certain purpose; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-144, which relates to black bear hunting license; providing certain exemption from license requirement; repealing 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 4-112), which relates to hunting license; updating statutory language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Hunting and licensing fees

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 3-103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-103. A. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall constitute an advisory, administrative and policymaking board for the protection, restoration, perpetuation,

conservation, supervision, maintenance, enhancement, and management of wildlife in this state as provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code.

B. The Director shall consult with the Commission regarding the administration of the affairs of the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Commission is authorized and empowered to require from the Director complete reports and information relative to the affairs of the Department at the time and in the manner the Commission may deem advisable.

C. The Commission shall meet in regular session at least nine times per year not to exceed one meeting per month with not more than two consecutive calendar months between meetings and in special sessions as may be called by the Chair or a majority of the Commission. The Commission may hold any regular or special session at any location within this state. Should a location be chosen other than Commission headquarters in Oklahoma City for a regular or special meeting, notice shall be posted at Commission headquarters in Oklahoma City and advertised in the local newspaper of the city in which the meeting is to be held, at least one time during each of the two (2) weeks prior to the meeting. The advertisements shall include time, date, and address of location of the meeting.

D. In addition to the other powers and duties prescribed by law, the Commission shall:

1. Institute an affirmative action plan for hiring women and minorities throughout the agency;

2. Elect a chair, ~~vice-chair~~ vice chair, and secretary, who shall perform the duties required of them by statutes, rules of the Commission, and the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma. The chair, ~~vice-chair~~ vice chair, and secretary shall receive no extra compensation;

3. Appoint a Director, and determine the qualifications of the Director and all assistants and employees. A Commissioner shall not be eligible for employment in any position within the Department;

4. Prescribe rules and policies for the transaction of its business and the control of the Department;

5. Develop and implement a plan to provide step raises for Commission employees so that discrepancies of pay levels within a pay grade are eliminated;

6. Acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or devise, waters, real property, and personal property incident to the exercise of its functions and to maintain, operate, and dispose of the same;

7. Acquire real property by condemnation only when the Attorney General or other counsel deems it an appropriate means of clearing title from willing or unavailable sellers;

8. Supervise the establishment, extension, improvement, and operation of the wildlife refuges, propagation areas or stations, public hunting areas, public fishing areas, game management areas, and fish hatcheries;

9. Prescribe the manner of cooperation with the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, colleges and universities within the state, other state agencies, any agency of the federal government, and any city, town, school district, or any other agency or organization in study of conservation and propagation of wildlife and in the establishment, maintenance, and operation of visual educational facilities, recreational facilities, and hunting and fishing facilities, in the study and propagation of wildlife;

10. Supervise the letting of all contracts and purchases for the Department, with all purchases of personal property to be made through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;

11. Authorize all claims or expenditures prior to incurring payment except as otherwise provided in this Code;

12. Prescribe rules on the use of Department-owned vehicles by the Director, department heads and other essential employees as the Commission deems necessary in order to perform their duties;

13. Prescribe rules for the sale of all regular or special licenses;

14. Publicize and encourage the conservation and appreciation of wildlife and all other natural resources;

15. Regulate the seasons and harvest of wildlife;

16. Promulgate rules to sell fishing and hunting licenses via the Internet;

17. Annually report to the Governor and the Legislature on the complete operation, activities, and plans of the Department, together with such recommendations for future activities as the Commission may deem to be in the best interest of the state; and

18. Provide the Governor and the Legislature with an annual inventory of all property and equipment.

E. Five (5) years after the effective date of this act, and every five (5) years thereafter, the Commission shall prepare a report for the Legislature with proposed licensing fees based on the latest Consumer Price Index year-to-date percent change release as of the date of the annual average county wage data release from the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce for Legislature approval or rejection.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-110, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-110. A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, no person shall fish, pursue, harass, catch, kill, take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or transport all or any portion of fish without having first procured a license for such from the Director or from any of the authorized agents of the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission may designate two (2) days per year in which residents and nonresidents may fish without first procuring a fishing license pursuant to the provisions of this section.

B. The following legal residents of Oklahoma and the following nonresidents shall be exempt from the annual fishing license requirements of subsection C of this section ~~and the following nonresidents shall be exempt from the annual nonresident fishing licenses required pursuant to subsection E of this section:~~

1. Legal residents under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age and nonresidents under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age ~~from states which do not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons under sixteen (16) years of age;~~

2. Legal residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older and nonresidents sixty-five (65) years of age or older from states which do not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, provided a legal resident has obtained a senior citizen lifetime fishing or combination hunting and fishing license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-114 of this title;

3. ~~Legal residents born on or before January 1, 1923;~~

4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent (60%) or more and registered with the veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously received an exemption pursuant to this paragraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be required. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this paragraph;

~~5.~~ 4. Legal resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents, grandparents, children and their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses who fish in private ponds on land owned or leased by them;

~~6.~~ 5. Any legal resident or nonresident who is a patient of an institution of the State of Oklahoma established for the care and treatment of mental illness or alcohol or drug dependency or any developmentally disabled person residing in any group home or other institution or developmentally disabled persons when accompanied by an attendant of the institution or legal guardian of the patient, or when fishing on institutional property;

~~7. Any legal resident or nonresident under eighteen (18) years of age who is in the legal and physical custody of the State of Oklahoma or one of its agencies by court order;~~

~~8. Any legal resident or nonresident under eighteen (18) years of age who is in the physical custody of a child care facility as defined by Section 402 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes;~~

~~9.~~ 6. Any legal resident or nonresident who is legally blind or who has any other physical impairment, as certified by a physician licensed in this state or any state which borders this state, which prevents the person from properly using fishing apparatus without the assistance of another person, and any one person actually accompanying and actually assisting such legally blind or otherwise physically impaired person while the latter is fishing. This certification shall be carried by the individual while fishing;

~~10. Nonresidents under fourteen (14) years of age;~~

~~11.~~ 7. Any legal resident or nonresident who is a Job Corps trainee of this state, provided that the trainees shall have on their persons a duly authorized identification card issued by their respective Job Corps Center and shall present the card upon request, in lieu of a fishing license. The trainees shall return their cards to their respective Job Corps Center when the trainees leave their respective Job Corps training programs;

~~12.~~ 8. Any legal resident having a proven disability which renders the resident nonambulatory and confined to a wheelchair as certified by a physician licensed in this state or any state which borders this state;

~~13.~~ 9. Any legal resident who is fishing with a pole and line, trotline, or throwline in streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and mine pits in the county in which the person is a resident, or in streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and mine pits which form a part of the boundary line of the county in which the person is a resident, when using any bait other than commercial or artificial bait, blood, stink bait, cut fish, and shrimp; and

~~14.~~ 10. Any legal resident or nonresident participating in an aquatic education event or clinic sanctioned by the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

C. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, the ~~resident~~ fishing licenses issued pursuant to the provisions of this section and the fee for each shall be:

1. Annual fishing license for legal residents eighteen (18) years of age and older, valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance - Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) Thirty Dollars (\$30.00);

2. ~~Annual fishing license for legal residents sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age - Four Dollars (\$4.00); and~~

3. ~~Two-day fishing license for legal residents - Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00).~~

D. ~~Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection C of this section, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.~~

E. ~~Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, the nonresident fishing licenses issued pursuant to the provisions of this section and the fee for each shall be:~~

1. ~~Annual fishing license for nonresidents, valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance - Fifty-four Dollars (\$54.00) Eighty Dollars (\$80.00), provided the Commission may enter into reciprocity agreements with states wherein nonresident license fees shall be in conformity with such reciprocal agreements;~~

2. ~~Six-day fishing license for nonresidents - Thirty-four Dollars (\$34.00); and~~

3. ~~One-day fishing license for nonresidents - Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) Daily fishing license for residents - Ten Dollars (\$10.00); and~~

4. Daily fishing license for nonresidents - Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

F. ~~Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection E of this section, Five Dollars~~

~~(\$5.00) of the annual license fee for nonresidents, One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of the six-day fishing license for nonresidents fee and One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of the one-day fishing license for nonresidents fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this title. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection E of this section, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.~~

~~G. D.~~ Legal residents who have resided in this state for at least six (6) months and who are receiving Social Security Disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits, disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A., Section 231a, postal employees receiving disability benefits pursuant to 5 U.S.C., Section 8451 (1998) or legal residents who are one hundred percent (100%) disabled and are receiving disability payments from the Multiple Injury Trust Fund pursuant to Section ~~403~~ 31 of Title ~~85~~ 85A of the Oklahoma Statutes, may purchase a five year disability ~~fishing~~ combination hunting/fishing license from the Director for ~~Ten Dollars (\$10.00)~~ Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for five (5) years.

~~H. E.~~ 1. Any person arrested while violating the provisions of this section who does not meet the requirements of subsection ~~K~~ H of this section, may purchase a substitute temporary thirty-day license from the arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. The fee for a substitute license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be:

- a. for legal residents, ~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and
- b. for nonresidents, ~~Ninety Dollars (\$90.00)~~ One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

2. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the fees from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving, and protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

~~I.~~ F. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by subsection ~~#~~ E of this section, any resident of this state convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both ~~said~~ such fine and imprisonment.

~~J.~~ G. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by subsection ~~#~~ E of this section, any nonresident convicted of violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

~~K.~~ H. Any person producing proof in court that a current fishing license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to that person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon payment of court costs. If proof of a current fishing license issued by the Department to the person that was in force at the time of the alleged offense is presented to the court or district attorney within seventy-two (72) hours after the violation, the charge shall be dismissed without payment of court costs.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 96, O.S.L. 2023 (29 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 4-112), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-112. A. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code or the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill, take or attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or transport all or any portion of any wildlife except fish, without having first procured a license from the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall designate a consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September of each year as free hunting days in which residents of this state may hunt without first procuring a hunting license pursuant to the provisions of this section.

B. The following legal residents of Oklahoma shall be exempt from the annual hunting license requirement of paragraph 1 of subsection F of this section and the following nonresidents shall be exempt from the annual nonresident hunting licenses required pursuant to ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph 1 and 2 of subsection C of this section:

1. Legal residents under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age;

2. Legal residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older provided they have obtained a senior citizen lifetime hunting or combination hunting and fishing license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-114 of this title;

3. ~~Legal residents born on or before January 1, 1923;~~

~~4.~~ Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent (60%) or more and registered with the veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously received an exemption pursuant to this paragraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be required;

~~5.~~ 4. Legal resident owners or tenants who hunt on land owned or leased by them;

~~6.~~ 5. Any nonresident under ~~fourteen (14)~~ eighteen (18) years of age;

~~7.~~ 6. Legal residents having a proven disability which renders them nonambulatory and confines them to a wheelchair, as certified by a physician licensed in this state or in any state which borders this state;

~~8.~~ 7. Any legal resident or nonresident under eighteen (18) years of age who is in the physical custody of a child care facility as defined by Section 402 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

~~9.~~ 8. Any legal resident or nonresident hunting, pursuing, trapping, harassing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to take in any manner any species of rattlesnake during an organized

rattlesnake-hunting event or festival and who has a rattlesnake permit issued pursuant to Section 4-143 of this title.

C. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, the nonresident hunting licenses issued pursuant to this section and the fee for each license shall be:

~~1. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other than deer, antelope, elk or bear which expires on December 31 of the year purchased - One Hundred Forty-one Dollars (\$141.00). Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big game and upland game or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be required to have this license;~~

~~2. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other than deer, antelope, elk or bear which expires on June 30 of the fiscal one (1) year purchased after the date of issuance - One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) Two Hundred Eight Dollars (\$208.00). Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big game and upland game or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be required to have this license;~~

~~3.~~ 2. Gun hunting license for deer:

- ~~a. during deer gun seasons for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years of age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one antlerless deer allowed during the current calendar year deer gun seasons - Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),~~
- ~~b. during deer gun seasons for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years of age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one antlered or antlerless deer allowed during the current calendar year deer gun seasons - Ninety-nine Dollars (\$99.00), and~~
- ~~e. during deer gun seasons for nonresidents which shall be valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current calendar year deer gun season - Two Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$299.00) Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) in addition to the nonresident annual~~

hunting license required in paragraph 1 of this subsection;

~~4. 3.~~ Archery hunting license for deer for nonresidents which shall expire on January 15 of the calendar year after the year purchased or, if purchased during the deer archery season, it shall expire at the end of that deer archery season~~;~~

- ~~a. during deer archery seasons for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years of age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one antlerless deer allowed during the current deer archery seasons - Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),~~
- ~~b. during deer archery seasons for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years of age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one antlered or antlerless deer allowed during the current deer archery seasons - Ninety-nine Dollars (\$99.00), and~~
- ~~c. during deer archery seasons for nonresidents which shall be valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current deer archery season - Two Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$299.00) Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) in addition to the nonresident annual hunting license required in paragraph 1 of this subsection;~~

~~5. 4.~~ Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for~~;~~

- ~~a. during deer primitive firearms seasons for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years of age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one antlerless deer allowed during the current calendar year deer primitive firearms seasons - Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),~~
- ~~b. during deer primitive firearms seasons for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years of age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one antlered or antlerless deer allowed during the current calendar year deer primitive firearms seasons - Ninety-nine Dollars (\$99.00), and~~

e. ~~during deer primitive firearms seasons for~~
nonresidents which shall be valid for hunting all deer
allowed during the current calendar year deer
primitive firearms season - ~~Two Hundred Ninety-nine~~
~~Dollars (\$299.00)~~ Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) in
addition to the nonresident annual hunting license
required in paragraph 1 of this subsection;

~~6. 5. Hunting license for antelope for nonresidents - Three~~
~~Hundred Five Dollars (\$305.00)~~ Five Hundred Five Dollars (\$505.00);

~~7. 6. Hunting license for elk for nonresidents - Three Hundred~~
~~Five Dollars (\$305.00)~~ Five Hundred Five Dollars (\$505.00);

~~8. 7. Five-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting game~~
~~other than deer, antelope, elk, quail, turkey or, bear, or waterfowl~~
~~- Seventy-four Dollars (\$74.00).— Nonresidents hunting big game,~~
~~combination big game and upland game or exotic wildlife in a~~
~~commercial hunting area shall be required to have this license;~~

~~9. 8. Ten-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting small~~
~~game in a commercial hunting area - Five Dollars (\$5.00); and Annual~~
~~youth hunting license for nonresidents under eighteen (18) years of~~
~~age, which shall include all species and all seasons for which a~~
~~hunting license is required - One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00);~~

9. Five-day youth hunting license for nonresidents under
eighteen (18) years of age, which shall include all species and all
seasons for which a hunting license is required - Seventy-five
Dollars (\$75.00); and

10. Five-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting winged
upland game, excluding wild turkey, in a commercial hunting area -
Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).

D. ~~The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall provide a~~
~~report to both the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the~~
~~Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1 of 2019 and~~
~~2020 setting forth information regarding licenses issued pursuant to~~
~~paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of subsection C of this section, which shall~~
~~include, but not be limited to:~~

~~1. The number of licenses issued during the most recent respective deer hunting seasons; and~~

~~2. A fiscal analysis comparing revenue generated from the fees of the licenses issued during the most recent respective deer hunting seasons compared to previous years and whether the deer hunting license structure is beneficial to the Department.~~

~~E. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of subsection C of this section:~~

~~1. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee of each license issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 7 of subsection C of this section and Two Dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) of the license fee for each license issued pursuant to paragraph 8 of subsection C of this section shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this title; and~~

~~2. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for each license issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 8 of subsection C of this section shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.~~

These licenses shall be required for hunting in a commercial hunt area:

1. Five-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting big game or combination big game - Seventy-four Dollars (\$74.00);

2. Ten-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting small game and upland winged game, excluding turkeys - Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

3. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting big game or combination big game - One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00);
and

4. Five-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting winged upland game, excluding wild turkey, in a commercial hunting area - Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).

E. For the purpose of hunting in a commercial hunting area, nonresidents who acquire a license pursuant to subsection D of this section shall be exempted from licensure requirements in subsection C of this section.

F. Except as otherwise provided, the resident hunting licenses issued pursuant to this section and the fee for each license shall be:

1. Annual hunting license for residents eighteen (18) years of age and older ~~which expires on December 31 of the year purchased -~~ Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) - Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00);

2. Annual youth hunting license for residents under eighteen (18) years of age and ~~older which expires on June 30 of the fiscal year purchased -~~ Thirty-one Dollars (\$31.00), which shall include all species and all season for which a hunting license is required - Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00);

3. ~~Annual hunting license for residents sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age which expires on December 31 of the year purchased -~~ Four Dollars (\$4.00);

4. ~~Annual hunting license for residents sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age which expires on June 30 of the fiscal year purchased -~~ Six Dollars (\$6.00);

5. Ten-day hunting license for residents for small game and upland winged game, excluding wild turkeys in a commercial hunting area - Five Dollars (\$5.00);

~~6.~~ 4. Five-year disability hunting combination hunting/fishing license for residents of this state for at least six (6) months who are receiving Social Security Disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits or disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A., Section 231a, or residents who are one-hundred-percent disabled and are receiving disability payments from the Multiple Injury Trust Fund pursuant to Section 31 of Title 85A of the Oklahoma Statutes - ~~Ten Dollars (\$10.00)~~ Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

~~7.~~ 5. Gun hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18) years of age or older, which shall include all deer allowed for harvesting during gun season - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00) Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00). The following persons shall be exempt:

- a. residents with proper certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor, certifying that the person is a disabled veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-percent rate and registered with the veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided that if the veteran has previously received an exemption pursuant to this subparagraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be required, and
- b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game and upland game commercial hunting areas;

~~8. Gun hunting license for deer for residents under eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);~~

~~9.~~ 6. Archery hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18) years of age or older, which shall include all deer allowed for harvesting during archery season - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00) Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00). The following persons shall be exempt:

- a. residents with proper certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor, certifying that the person is a disabled veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-percent rate and registered with the veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided that if the veteran has previously received an exemption pursuant to this subparagraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be required, and
- b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game and upland game commercial hunting areas;

~~10. Archery hunting license for deer for residents under eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);~~

~~11. 7. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18) years of age or older, which shall include all deer allowed for harvesting during primitive firearm season - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00) Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00). The following persons shall be exempt:~~

- a. residents with proper certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor, certifying that the person is a disabled veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-percent rate and registered with the veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided that if the veteran has previously received an exemption pursuant to this subparagraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be required, and
- b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game and upland game commercial hunting areas;

~~12. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents under eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);~~

~~13. 8. Hunting license for elk for residents - Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this license;~~

~~14. 9. Hunting license for antelope for residents - Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this license; and~~

~~15. Bonus, special or additional gun hunting license for deer for residents - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following persons shall be exempt:~~

- a. ~~residents with proper certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its~~

~~successor, certifying that the person is a disabled veteran in receipt of compensation at the one hundred percent rate, and~~

- ~~b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game and upland game commercial hunting areas.~~

~~G. Residents hunting big game, combination big game and upland game or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be required to have one of the following licenses:~~

~~1. An annual hunting license issued pursuant to paragraph 1, 2, 3 or 4 of subsection F of this section;~~

~~2. An annual hunting and fishing combination license issued pursuant to Section 4-113 of this title;~~

~~3. A five-year hunting license or five-year combination hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to Section 4-113.1 of this title; or~~

~~4. A lifetime hunting license or lifetime combination hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to Section 4-114 of this title.~~

~~H. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection F of this section, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.~~

~~I. G. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require a hunting license, resident or nonresident, of any person merely because the person participates, as owner or handler of an entry, as an official, or as a spectator in the conduct of a field trial or performance test of dogs, whether a resident or nonresident of the State of Oklahoma. No license to hunt shall be required of any person engaged in training or working dogs, provided that person is in no way engaged in hunting and does not take or attempt to take in any manner any game.~~

~~J. H. 1. Any person arrested for hunting game other than deer, antelope, elk, bear or turkey without a valid hunting license as~~

required by the provisions of subsection A of this section may purchase a substitute temporary thirty-day license from the arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. Proof of hunter safety certification will not be required for the temporary substitute license. The fee for a substitute license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be:

- a. for legal residents, ~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and
- b. for nonresidents, ~~One Hundred Forty-five Dollars (\$145.00)~~ Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

2. Except as otherwise provided for by this subsection, the fees from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving, and protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

~~K.~~ I. Any person producing proof in court that a current hunting license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to that person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon payment of court costs. If proof of a current hunting license issued by the Department to the person that was in force at the time of the alleged offense is presented to the court or district attorney within seventy-two (72) hours after the violation, the charge shall be dismissed without payment of court costs.

~~L.~~ J. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by subsection ~~J~~ H of this section, any resident convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both.

~~M.~~ K. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by subsection ~~J~~ H of this section, any nonresident convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in

the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both.

L. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-113, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 4-113), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-113. A. Legal residents who are not the individuals exempted from the license requirement as provided in subsection B of Section 4-112 of this title may purchase an annual combination hunting/fishing license from the Director or agents of the Director.

B. ~~The fee for each combination hunting/fishing license issued under this section shall be:~~

~~1. For for residents eighteen (18) years of age and older for a license that which expires one (1) year after the date of issuance - Fifty-two Dollars (\$52.00); and~~

~~2. For legal residents sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age for a license that expires one (1) year after the date of issuance - Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00).~~

~~C. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of subsection B of this section, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.~~

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-113.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-113.1. A. All legal residents who have resided in the state for at least six (6) months may purchase ~~five-year fishing licenses, five-year hunting licenses or five-year~~ a three (3) year combination hunting/fishing ~~licenses~~ license from the State Wildlife Conservation Director.

B. The fee for ~~these licenses~~ the three (3) year combination hunting/fishing license shall be:

1. ~~Five-year fishing license, Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00);~~

2. ~~Five-year hunting license, Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00);~~
and

3. ~~Five-year combination hunting/fishing license, One Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$135.00)~~ One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00).

C. The use of the ~~licenses~~ license provided in this section is subject to those restrictions provided by statute and the regulations of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.

D. Should any lifetime license be lost or destroyed, a duplicate will be issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation for a fee of ~~Five Dollars (\$5.00)~~ not more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

E. A ~~five-year~~ three (3) year licensee shall not lose the privileges of such license by a subsequent transfer of residency.

F. 1. ~~In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to subsection B of this section, a person purchasing a five-year fishing, hunting or combination license shall be required to purchase a five-year Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp. Each person shall have the stamp in their possession while hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife. The fee for the five-year Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp shall be Twelve Dollars (\$12.00). The fee for the stamp shall be distributed as follows:~~

- a. ~~Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each stamp shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created in Section 4-141 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to be used to retire the obligations and related expenses as authorized pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes or to purchase, lease, or purchase easements on real property to be used as public hunting, fishing, and trapping areas, and~~

b. ~~Two Dollars (\$2.00) from each stamp shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created in Section 4-141 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to be used by the Commission for management of the real property acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.~~

~~2. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the five-year Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp.~~

~~3. Within one (1) year of the final retirement, redemption, or defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the five-year Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and five-year Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee requirements provided for in this subsection shall terminate.~~

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-114, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-114. A. All legal residents who have resided in the state for at least six (6) months and intend to remain residents may purchase lifetime fishing licenses, ~~lifetime hunting licenses~~ or lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses from the State Wildlife Conservation Director.

B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

1. Lifetime fishing license, ~~Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)~~ Three Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$375.00);

2. ~~Lifetime hunting license, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00);~~

~~3. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)~~ One Thousand Twenty-four Dollars (\$1,024.00);

~~4. Senior citizen lifetime hunting license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00);~~

~~5.~~ 3. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, ~~Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)~~ Thirty Dollars (\$30.00); and

~~6.~~ 4. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, ~~Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)~~ Sixty Dollars (\$60.00).

C. Legal resident having proper certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor certifying that the person is a disabled veteran and registered with the veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs may purchase a disability lifetime combination hunting and fishing license from the State Wildlife Conservation Director. The fees for the license shall be as follows:

1. Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for veterans having a disability of less than sixty percent (60%); and

2. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for veterans having a disability of sixty percent (60%) or more.

D. The use of the licenses provided in this section are subject to those restrictions provided by statute and the regulations of the Wildlife Conservation Commission. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, each lifetime hunting license issued pursuant to subsections B and C of this section shall be in lieu of all annual hunting licenses and all special season permits.

E. Should any lifetime license be lost or destroyed, a duplicate will be issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation for a fee ~~of~~ not more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

F. A lifetime licensee shall not lose the privileges of such license by a subsequent transfer of residency.

~~G. 1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 3 of subsection B of this section, a person purchasing a lifetime fishing, hunting or combination license, excluding a senior citizen lifetime hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of this section and a disability lifetime combination hunting and~~

~~fishing license issued pursuant to subsection C of this section, shall be required to purchase a Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp. Each person shall have the stamp in their possession while hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife. The fee for the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). The fee for the stamp shall be distributed as follows:~~

- ~~a. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) from each stamp shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used to retire the obligations and related expenses as authorized pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes or to purchase, lease, or purchase easements on real property to be used as public hunting, fishing, and trapping areas, and~~
- ~~b. Five Dollars (\$5.00) from each stamp shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used by the Commission for management of the real property acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.~~

~~2. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp.~~

~~3. Within one (1) year of the final retirement, redemption, or defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee requirements provided for in this subsection shall terminate.~~

~~H. A person who is sixty-four (64) years of age shall be eligible to purchase a senior citizen lifetime license issued pursuant to paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of this section during the calendar year in which the person turns sixty-five (65) years of age.~~

~~I. The fee for a lifetime fishing license, a lifetime hunting license, or a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license~~

~~issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 3 of subsection B of this section for a legal resident under eighteen (18) years of age may be paid for by installments not to exceed a three-year period of time and in a manner determined by the Director. The lifetime license shall not be issued and become valid until full payment is received by the Department of Wildlife Conservation. If the entire amount of the license fee is not received within three (3) years from the date the application for installment payments is submitted to the Department, all funds received shall be forfeited and shall not be refunded.~~

~~J. H.~~ The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-130, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-130. A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, no person may hunt or take any waterfowl during the open season on waterfowl unless the person has first obtained an Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license from the Director or authorized agents of the Director. Each person shall have the stamp or license in their possession when hunting or taking any waterfowl. ~~When a stamp is purchased, the stamp shall be validated by the signature of the licensee written across the face of the stamp.~~

B. Persons excepted from the Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license requirement of this section are:

1. Legal residents of Oklahoma under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age; and

2. Legal residents of Oklahoma sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

C. ~~1.~~ The Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp fee and waterfowl license shall each be ~~Nine Dollars (\$9.00)~~. ~~The remainder of the fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used exclusively in the State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing, managing, preserving, restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and~~

~~for the conservation and management of waterfowl and ecologically related species. be for:~~

1. Residents eighteen (18) years of age or older - Twenty Dollars (\$20.00); and

2. Nonresidents eighteen (18) years of age or older - Thirty Dollars (\$30.00).

~~2. D. 1.~~ The collection and remittance procedures applicable to hunting license fees under this title shall apply to waterfowl stamp or license fees.

~~3. 2.~~ The waterfowl stamp or license issued pursuant to this section shall expire on June 30 of each year.

~~D. E.~~ The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission may prescribe, by regulation, the form, design and manner of issuance, if any, of the waterfowl stamp, which could include the selection of art for such stamp from an art contest regulated by the Commission.

~~E. F. 1.~~ Any person arrested for hunting or taking any waterfowl during the open season on waterfowl without a valid Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license as required by the provisions of subsection A of this section may purchase a substitute temporary thirty-day stamp or license from the arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. Proof of hunter safety certification shall not be required for the temporary substitute stamp or license. The fee for a substitute stamp or license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be:

- a. for legal residents - ~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and
- b. for nonresidents - ~~One Hundred Forty-five Dollars (\$145.00)~~ One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00).

2. The fees from the temporary stamp and license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used exclusively in ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state, for the purpose of developing, managing, preserving, restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and for the

conservation and management of waterfowl and ecologically related species.

~~F.~~ G. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

~~G.~~ H. Nothing in this title shall prohibit a person from hunting waterfowl exclusively on their own property without an Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-138, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-138. A. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission may establish special use permits to be designated the:

1. "Annual Wildlife Conservation Passport"; and
2. "Three-Day Wildlife Conservation Passport".

A Passport shall be required of all persons not otherwise exempt as provided for in subsection C of this section, who enter or use land owned or managed by the Commission and that has been designated by the Commission as requiring a Passport.

B. The Commission may establish and assess:

1. A fee ~~of~~ not more than ~~One Dollar (\$1.00)~~ Ten Dollars (\$10.00) above the cost of an annual resident hunting ~~or fishing~~ license for residents and not more than Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) above such cost for nonresidents for the Annual Wildlife Conservation Passport; and

2. A fee of not more than ~~Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)~~ Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for residents and not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for nonresidents for the Three-Day Wildlife Conservation Passport.

Each person, not otherwise exempt as provided for in subsection C of this section, entering or using a designated area of land shall

be required to have a Passport in their possession while in the area.

C. The following persons shall be exempt from the Passport requirements of this section:

1. All persons who possess a valid Oklahoma fishing, hunting or combination license, a lifetime resident or nonresident fishing, hunting, or combination license, a senior citizen lifetime fishing or hunting license, or a disability fishing or hunting license;

2. Persons under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age; and

3. Students and instructors participating in bona fide educational tours or activities sponsored or organized by an educational institution or entity or any other organized event sanctioned in advance by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Wildlife Conservation. Sponsors of such activities shall provide notice of the date and number of persons participating in the activity to the Department of Wildlife Conservation for approval not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the activity.

D. 1. Any person arrested while violating the provisions of this section may purchase a temporary thirty-day license from the arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. The fee for a substitute license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be:

- a. ~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for legal residents of this state, and
- b. ~~Ninety Dollars (\$90.00)~~ One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) for nonresidents.

2. The fees from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving and protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-140, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-140. A. ~~Except as otherwise provided for in this section, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill, take, or attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or transport all or any portion of any wildlife including fish unless the person has first obtained an Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp from the Director or any authorized agents of the Department of Wildlife Conservation. Each person shall have the stamp in their possession when hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife.~~

B. ~~Persons exempt from the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp requirements of this section are:~~

1. ~~Legal residents of Oklahoma under eighteen (18) years of age;~~

2. ~~Legal residents of Oklahoma sixty-five (65) years of age or older;~~

3. ~~Legal residents of Oklahoma who have a valid lifetime fishing, hunting, or combination license;~~

4. ~~Legal residents of Oklahoma who have a valid senior citizen lifetime fishing, hunting or combination hunting and fishing license;~~

5. ~~Nonresidents holding a valid nonresident lifetime fishing license;~~

6. ~~Legal residents and nonresidents who have acquired a license pursuant to Section 4-110 or Section 4-128 of this title for fishing in the area of Lake Texoma located within the state;~~

7. ~~Nonresidents under sixteen (16) years of age from states which do not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons under sixteen (16) years of age;~~

8. ~~Nonresidents sixty-four (64) years of age or older from states which do not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons sixty-four (64) years of age or older;~~

9. ~~Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent (60%) or more and registered with the veterans registry created by~~

~~the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously received the exemption pursuant to this paragraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be required;~~

~~10. Legal resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents, grandparents, children and their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses who hunt on land owned or leased by them or fish in private ponds on land owned or leased by them;~~

~~11. Any legal resident or nonresident who is a patient of an institution of the State of Oklahoma established for the care and treatment of mental illness or alcohol or drug dependency or any developmentally disabled person residing in any group home or other institution or developmentally disabled persons when accompanied by an attendant of such institution or legal guardian of said patient, or when fishing on institutional property;~~

~~12. Any legal resident or nonresident who is legally blind or who has any other physical impairment, as certified by a physician licensed in this state or any state which borders this state, which prevents the person from properly using fishing apparatus without the assistance of another person, and any one person actually accompanying and actually assisting such legally blind or otherwise physically impaired person while the latter is fishing. This certification shall be carried by the individual while fishing;~~

~~13. Nonresidents under fourteen (14) years of age;~~

~~14. Any legal resident or nonresident who is a Job Corps trainee of this state, provided that the trainees shall have on their persons a duly authorized identification card issued by their respective Job Corps Center and shall present the card upon request, in lieu of a fishing license. The trainees shall return their cards to their respective Job Corps Center when the trainees leave their respective Job Corps training programs;~~

~~15. Any legal resident having a proven disability which renders the resident nonambulatory and confined to a wheelchair as certified by a physician licensed in this state or any state which borders this state;~~

~~16. Any legal resident or nonresident who is fishing with a pole and line, trotline, or throwline in streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and mine pits when using any bait other than commercial or artificial bait, blood, stink bait, cut fish, and shrimp; and~~

~~17. Any legal resident or nonresident hunting, pursuing, trapping, harassing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to take in any manner any species of rattlesnake during an organized rattlesnake hunting event or festival and who has a rattlesnake permit issued pursuant to Section 4-143 of this title.~~

~~C. 1. Any fees received for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and required to be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created in Section 4-141 of this title and any other money deposited in the fund, shall be used exclusively for:~~

- ~~a. the payment of bond debt and related expenses incurred pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the purchase of public hunting, fishing, and trapping areas where the public may hunt, fish, or trap as authorized by law or for the purchase, lease, or purchasing of easements on real property to be used as public hunting, fishing, and trapping areas, and~~
- ~~b. the management of the real property acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.~~

~~2. The collection and remittance procedures applicable to hunting license fees under this title shall apply to the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fees.~~

~~3. The Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp issued pursuant to this section for hunting licenses issued pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C and paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection E of Section 4-112 of this title and paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection B of Section 4-113 of this title, shall expire on December 31. The Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp issued pursuant to this section for hunting licenses issued pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection C and paragraphs 2 and 4 of subsection E of Section 4-112 of this title~~

~~and paragraphs 2 and 4 of subsection B of Section 4-113 of this title, shall expire on June 30.~~

~~D. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section shall be transferred to an operation fund.~~

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-144, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-144. A. No person may hunt or take black bear without having first procured a license from the Director of Wildlife Conservation or an agent of the Director.

B. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall decide the open season, the bag limits, and territorial limitations for hunting or taking black bear.

C. The fees for a license issued pursuant to this section shall be:

1. For legal residents, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); and
2. For nonresidents, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

D. Any person who fails to obtain a license as required in subsection A of this section and pay the fee as required in paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both said fine and imprisonment.

E. Any person who fails to obtain a license as required in subsection A of this section and pay the fee as required in paragraph 2 of subsection C of this section, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both ~~said~~ such fine and imprisonment.

F. A resident in possession of a lifetime hunting license or a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of this act prior to and after the effective date of this act shall be exempt from the annual black bear license requirement of subsection A of this section.

SECTION 11. REPEALER 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 4-112), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 12. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

SECTION 13. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 19th day of March, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of February, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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