

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 541

By: Murdock

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An Act relating to game; directing the Department of Wildlife Conservation to conduct experimental pronghorn antelope seasons; allowing landowners to control the quota and harvest of pronghorn antelope; requiring the Department to determine the regions; providing requirements for harvesting pronghorn antelope; directing the Department to monitor pronghorn antelope; directing the Department to end the season under certain conditions; requiring the Department to promulgate rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-416 of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning in 2020, the Department of Wildlife Conservation shall conduct experimental pronghorn antelope hunting seasons. Landowners, or their designated agents, may determine the harvest quota of pronghorn antelope and control the harvest of pronghorn antelope on their property. The Department shall determine the

1 regions for the experimental pronghorn antelope hunting seasons on a
2 county by county basis as the pronghorn antelope migrate.

3 B. Hunters may obtain, at no cost, experimental pronghorn
4 antelope permits at locations provided by the Department before
5 harvesting pronghorn antelope during the experimental season.
6 Hunters shall obtain the landowner or their designated agent's
7 signature on the permit before harvesting pronghorn antelope.
8 Hunters shall present their harvest at a mandatory check station,
9 provided by the Department, within twenty-four (24) hours of
10 harvest.

11 C. The Department shall monitor the pronghorn antelope
12 population during the experimental pronghorn antelope hunting
13 seasons to ensure populations remain healthy. If a significant
14 negative biological impact is observed, the Department shall end the
15 experimental seasons.

16 D. The Department shall promulgate rules to enforce the
17 provisions of this act.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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