

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-114, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 112, O.S.L. 2014 (29 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 4-114), which relates to hunting and fishing licenses; creating a nonresident lifetime combination hunting and fishing license; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-114, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 112, O.S.L. 2014 (29 O.S. Supp. 2018, 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);
2. Lifetime hunting license, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00);

1        3. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, Seven  
2 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00);

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

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

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

10       C. ~~Legal~~ A legal resident having proper certification from the  
11 United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor  
12 certifying that the person is a disabled veteran may purchase a  
13 disability lifetime combination hunting and fishing license from the  
14 State Wildlife Conservation Director. The ~~fees~~ fee for the license  
15 shall be as follows:

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

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

20       D. All nonresidents may purchase a lifetime combination hunting  
21 and fishing license from the State Wildlife Conservation Director.  
22 The fee for this license shall be Seven Thousand Five Hundred  
23 Dollars (\$7,500.00).

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

7        ~~E.~~ F. Should any lifetime license be lost or destroyed, a  
8 duplicate will be issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation  
9 for a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

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

12       ~~G.~~ H. 1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to  
13 paragraphs 1 through 3 of ~~subsection~~ subsections B and D of this  
14 section, a person purchasing a lifetime fishing, hunting or  
15 combination license, excluding a senior citizen lifetime hunting,  
16 fishing or combination hunting and fishing license issued pursuant  
17 to paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of this section and a  
18 disability lifetime combination hunting and fishing license issued  
19 pursuant to subsection C of this section, shall be required to  
20 purchase a Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp. Each person shall  
21 have the stamp in their possession while hunting, fishing, or taking  
22 any wildlife. The fee for the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp  
23 shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). The fee for the stamp shall  
24 be distributed as follows:

1           a.   Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) from each stamp shall be  
2               deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created  
3               in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used to retire  
4               the obligations and related expenses as authorized  
5               pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma  
6               Statutes or to purchase, lease, or purchase easements  
7               on real property to be used as public hunting,  
8               fishing, and trapping areas, and

9           b.   Five Dollars (\$5.00) from each stamp shall be  
10               deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created  
11               in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used by the  
12               Commission for management of the real property  
13               acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the  
14               Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the  
15               Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.

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

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

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

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

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