

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 941

6 By: Bullard

7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to fish and wildlife; amending 29  
9 O.S. 2021, Section 3-103, which relates to function,  
10 powers, and duties of the Oklahoma Wildlife  
11 Conservation Commission; requiring a report to be  
12 submitted to the Legislature regarding changes in  
13 license fees; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-110,  
14 which relates to fishing licenses; increasing age  
15 threshold for licenses; increasing fees; removing  
16 certain deposits of fees into certain fund; amending  
17 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as last amended by  
18 Section 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp.  
19 2022, Section 4-112), which relates to hunting  
20 license; increasing age threshold for license;  
21 increasing fees; removing certain deposits of fees  
22 into certain fund; eliminating certain licenses;  
23 amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112A, which relates  
24 to certificate of competency; increasing age  
threshold for certificate; amending 29 O.S. 2021,  
Section 4-113, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 208,  
O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2022, 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

1 deposit of fee into certain fund; increasing fees;  
2 amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-138, which relates  
3 to the Wildlife Conservation Passport; requiring  
4 passport for land managed by the Commission;  
5 increasing age threshold for exemption; amending 29  
6 O.S. 2021, Section 4-140, which relates to wildlife  
7 land stamp; removing provisions of distribution;  
8 allowing for stamp fees to be used for certain  
9 purpose; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-144, which  
10 relates to black bear hunting license; providing  
11 certain exemption from license requirement; repealing  
12 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as last amended by  
13 Section 1, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp.  
14 2022, Section 4-112), which relates to hunting  
15 license; updating statutory language; providing an  
16 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

20 Section 3-103. A. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation  
21 Commission shall constitute an advisory, administrative and  
22 policymaking board for the protection, restoration, perpetuation,  
23 conservation, supervision, maintenance, enhancement, and management  
24 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

1 affairs of the Department at the time and in the manner the  
2 Commission may deem advisable.

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

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

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

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

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- 1       3. Appoint a Director, and determine the qualifications of the  
2 Director and all assistants and employees. A Commissioner shall not  
3 be eligible for employment in any position within the Department;
- 4       4. Prescribe rules and policies for the transaction of its  
5 business and the control of the Department;
- 6       5. Develop and implement a plan to provide step raises for  
7 Commission employees so that discrepancies of pay levels within a  
8 pay grade are eliminated;
- 9       6. Acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or devise, waters, real  
10 property, and personal property incident to the exercise of its  
11 functions and to maintain, operate, and dispose of the same;
- 12       7. Acquire real property by condemnation only when the Attorney  
13 General or other counsel deems it an appropriate means of clearing  
14 title from willing or unavailable sellers;
- 15       8. Supervise the establishment, extension, improvement, and  
16 operation of the wildlife refuges, propagation areas or stations,  
17 public hunting areas, public fishing areas, game management areas,  
18 and fish hatcheries;
- 19       9. Prescribe the manner of cooperation with the Oklahoma  
20 Tourism and Recreation Department, colleges and universities within  
21 the state, other state agencies, any agency of the federal  
22 government, and any city, town, school district, or any other agency  
23 or organization in study of conservation and propagation of wildlife  
24 and in the establishment, maintenance, and operation of visual

1 educational facilities, recreational facilities, and hunting and  
2 fishing facilities, in the study and propagation of wildlife;

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

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

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

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

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

15 15. Regulate the seasons and harvest of wildlife;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12        4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent  
13 (60%) or more and registered with the veterans registry created by  
14 the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the  
15 veteran has previously received an exemption pursuant to this  
16 paragraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be  
17 required. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
18 promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this  
19 paragraph;

20        5. 4. Legal resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents,  
21 grandparents, children and their spouses, grandchildren and their  
22 spouses who fish in private ponds on land owned or leased by them;

23        6. 5. Any legal resident or nonresident who is a patient of an  
24 institution of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state established for the

1 care and treatment of mental illness or alcohol or drug dependency  
2 or any developmentally disabled person residing in any group home or  
3 other institution or developmentally disabled persons when  
4 accompanied by an attendant of the institution or legal guardian of  
5 the patient, or when fishing on institutional property;

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

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

12 ~~9.~~ 6. Any legal resident or nonresident who is legally blind or  
13 who has any other physical impairment, as certified by a physician  
14 licensed in this state or any state which borders this state, which  
15 prevents the person from properly using fishing apparatus without  
16 the assistance of another person, and any one person actually  
17 accompanying and actually assisting such legally blind or otherwise  
18 physically impaired person while the latter is fishing. This  
19 certification shall be carried by the individual while fishing;

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

21 ~~11.~~ 7. Any legal resident or nonresident who is a Job Corps  
22 trainee of this state, provided that the trainees shall have on  
23 their persons a duly authorized identification card issued by their  
24 respective Job Corps Center and shall present the card upon request,



1 in lieu of a fishing license. The trainees shall return their cards  
2 to their respective Job Corps Center when the trainees leave their  
3 respective Job Corps training programs;

4 ~~12.~~ 8. Any legal resident having a proven disability which  
5 renders the resident nonambulatory and confined to a wheelchair as  
6 certified by a physician licensed in this state or any state which  
7 borders this state;

8 ~~13.~~ 9. Any legal resident who is fishing with a pole and line,  
9 trotline, or throwline in streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and  
10 mine pits in the county in which the person is a resident, or in  
11 streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and mine pits which form a  
12 part of the boundary line of the county in which the person is a  
13 resident, when using any bait other than commercial or artificial  
14 bait, blood, stink bait, cut fish, and shrimp; and

15 ~~14.~~ 10. Any legal resident or nonresident participating in an  
16 aquatic education event or clinic sanctioned by the Department of  
17 Wildlife Conservation.

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

21 1. Annual fishing license for legal residents eighteen (18)  
22 years of age and older - ~~Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00)~~ Thirty Dollars  
23 (\$30.00);

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

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

5       D. ~~Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of~~  
6 ~~paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection C of this section, Five Dollars~~  
7 ~~(\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land~~  
8 ~~Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund~~  
9 ~~created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.~~

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

13       1. ~~Annual fishing license for nonresidents - Fifty-four Dollars~~  
14 ~~(\$54.00) Sixty-five Dollars (\$65.00), provided the Commission may~~  
15 ~~enter into reciprocity agreements with states wherein nonresident~~  
16 ~~license fees shall be in conformity with such reciprocal agreements;~~

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

19       3. ~~One-day fishing license for nonresidents - Fourteen Dollars~~  
20 ~~(\$14.00) Daily fishing license for residents - Ten Dollars (\$10.00);~~  
21 ~~and~~

22       4. Daily fishing license for nonresidents - Eighteen Dollars  
23 (\$18.00).

1 ~~F. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of~~  
2 ~~paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection E of this section, Five Dollars~~  
3 ~~(\$5.00) of the annual license fee for nonresidents, One Dollar and~~  
4 ~~fifty cents (\$1.50) of the six-day fishing license for nonresidents~~  
5 ~~fee and One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of the one-day fishing~~  
6 ~~license for nonresidents fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land~~  
7 ~~Acquisition Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132~~  
8 ~~of this title. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of~~  
9 ~~paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection E of this section, Five Dollars~~  
10 ~~(\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land~~  
11 ~~Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund~~  
12 ~~created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.~~

13 ~~G.~~ D. Legal residents who have resided in this state for at  
14 least six (6) months and who are receiving Social Security  
15 Disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits,  
16 disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A.,  
17 Section 231a, postal employees receiving disability benefits  
18 pursuant to 5 U.S.C., Section 8451 (1998) or legal residents who are  
19 one hundred percent (100%) disabled and are receiving disability  
20 payments from the Multiple Injury Trust Fund pursuant to Section ~~403~~  
21 31 of Title ~~85~~ 85A of the Oklahoma Statutes, may purchase a five-  
22 year disability ~~fishing~~ combination hunting/fishing license from the  
23 Director for ~~Ten Dollars (\$10.00)~~ Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for five  
24 (5) years.

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

7           a. for legal residents, ~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~ One  
8                 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and

9           b. for nonresidents, ~~Ninety Dollars (\$90.00)~~ One Hundred  
10                 Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

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

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

23       ~~J.~~ G. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for  
24 by subsection ~~H~~ E of this section, any nonresident convicted of

1 violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
2 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)  
3 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not more than  
4 thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

14 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as  
15 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp.  
16 2022, Section 4-112), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 4-112. A. Except as otherwise provided for in the  
18 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code or the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae  
19 Act, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill, take or  
20 attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or  
21 transport all or any portion of any wildlife except fish, without  
22 having first procured a license from the Department of Wildlife  
23 Conservation. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
24 designate a consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September of each

1 year as free hunting days in which residents of this state may hunt  
2 without first procuring a hunting license pursuant to the provisions  
3 of this section.

4 B. The following legal residents of Oklahoma shall be exempt  
5 from the annual hunting license requirement of paragraph 1 of  
6 subsection ~~E~~ D of this section and the following nonresidents shall  
7 be exempt from the annual nonresident hunting licenses required  
8 pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section:

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

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

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

16 4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent  
17 (60%) or more and registered with the veterans registry created by  
18 the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the  
19 veteran has previously received an exemption pursuant to this  
20 paragraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be  
21 required;

22 ~~5.~~ 4. Legal resident owners or tenants who hunt on land owned  
23 or leased by them;

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1       ~~6.~~ 5. Any nonresident under ~~fourteen (14)~~ eighteen (18) years  
2 of age;

3       ~~7.~~ 6. Legal residents having a proven disability which renders  
4 them nonambulatory and confines them to a wheelchair, as certified  
5 by a physician licensed in this state or in any state which borders  
6 this state;

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

10       ~~9.~~ 8. Any legal resident or nonresident hunting, pursuing,  
11 trapping, harassing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to  
12 take in any manner any species of rattlesnake during an organized  
13 rattlesnake-hunting event or festival and who has a rattlesnake  
14 permit issued pursuant to Section 4-143 of this title.

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

18       1. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other  
19 than ~~deer,~~ antelope, elk, or bear which expires one (1) year after  
20 the date of issuance - ~~One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00)~~  
21 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). Nonresidents hunting big game or  
22 combination big game ~~and upland game~~ in a commercial hunting area,  
23 gun hunting for deer, archery hunting for deer, or primitive  
24 firearms hunting for deer shall be required to have this license;

1           2. Gun hunting license for deer for nonresidents which shall be  
2 valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current calendar year  
3 deer gun season - ~~Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$279.00)~~ Two  
4 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) in addition to the nonresident annual  
5 hunting licensed required in paragraph 1 of this subsection;

6           3. Archery hunting license for deer for nonresidents which  
7 shall expire on January 15 of the calendar year after the year  
8 purchased or if purchased during the deer archery season it shall  
9 expire at the end of that deer archery season - ~~Two Hundred Seventy-~~  
10 ~~nine Dollars (\$279.00)~~ Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) in addition to  
11 the nonresident annual hunting licensed required in paragraph 1 of  
12 this subsection;

13           4. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for nonresidents  
14 which shall be valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current  
15 calendar year deer primitive firearms season - ~~Two Hundred Seventy-~~  
16 ~~nine Dollars (\$279.00)~~ Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) in addition to  
17 the nonresident annual hunting licensed required in paragraph 1 of  
18 this subsection;

19           5. Hunting license for antelope for nonresidents - Three  
20 Hundred Five Dollars (\$305.00);

21           6. Hunting license for elk for nonresidents - Three Hundred  
22 Five Dollars (\$305.00);

23           7. Five-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other  
24 than deer, antelope, elk, quail, turkey, or bear - Seventy-four



1 Dollars (\$74.00). Nonresidents hunting big game or combination big  
2 game ~~and upland game~~ in a commercial hunting area shall be required  
3 to have this license unless they have a valid nonresident annual  
4 hunting license; and

5 8. Ten-day hunting license for nonresidents and residents  
6 hunting small game and upland winged game, excluding wild turkeys in  
7 a commercial hunting area - ~~Five Dollars (\$5.00)~~ Twenty Dollars  
8 (\$20.00); and

9 9. Annual youth hunting license for nonresidents under eighteen  
10 (18) years of age, which shall include all species and all seasons  
11 for which a hunting license is required - One Hundred Fifty Dollars  
12 (\$150.00).

13 D. ~~Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of~~  
14 ~~subsection C of this section:~~

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

22 ~~2. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for each license~~  
23 ~~issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 8 of subsection C of this~~  
24 ~~section shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be~~

1 ~~deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the~~  
2 ~~provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.~~

3 ~~E.~~ Except as otherwise provided, the annual resident hunting  
4 licenses issued pursuant to this subsection shall expire one (1)  
5 year after the date of issuance. The resident hunting licenses  
6 issued pursuant to this section and the fee for each license shall  
7 be:

8 1. Annual hunting license for residents eighteen (18) years of  
9 age and older - ~~Thirty-one Dollars (\$31.00)~~ Thirty-five Dollars  
10 (\$35.00);

11 2. Annual youth hunting license for residents ~~sixteen (16) or~~  
12 ~~seventeen (17)~~ under eighteen (18) years of age, which shall include  
13 all species and all seasons for which a hunting license is required  
14 ~~- Six Dollars (\$6.00)~~ Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00);

15 3. Ten-day hunting license for residents for small game and  
16 upland winged game, excluding wild turkeys in a commercial hunting  
17 area - ~~Five Dollars (\$5.00)~~ Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

18 4. Five-year disability ~~hunting~~ combination hunting/fishing  
19 license for residents for at least six (6) months who are receiving  
20 Social Security Disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income  
21 benefits or disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act,  
22 45 U.S.C.A., Section 231a, or residents who are one-hundred-percent  
23 disabled and are receiving disability payments from the Multiple  
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1 Injury Trust Fund pursuant to Section 31 of Title 85A of the  
2 Oklahoma Statutes - ~~Ten Dollars (\$10.00)~~ Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

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

7 a. residents with proper certification from the United  
8 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
9 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
10 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
11 percent rate and registered with the veterans registry  
12 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
13 Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously  
14 received an exemption pursuant to this subparagraph,  
15 no registration with the veterans registry shall be  
16 required, and

17 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
18 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

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

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

1 a. residents with proper certification from the United  
2 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
3 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
4 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
5 percent rate and registered with the veterans registry  
6 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
7 Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously  
8 received the exemption pursuant to this subparagraph,  
9 no registration with the veterans registry shall be  
10 required, and

11 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
12 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

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

15 ~~9.~~ 7. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents  
16 eighteen (18) years of age or older, which shall include all deer  
17 allowed for harvesting during primitive firearms season - ~~Nineteen~~  
18 ~~Dollars (\$19.00)~~ Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00). The following  
19 persons shall be exempt:

20 a. residents with proper certification from the United  
21 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
22 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
23 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
24 percent rate and registered with the veterans registry

1 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
2 Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously  
3 received the exemption pursuant to this subparagraph,  
4 no registration with the veterans registry shall be  
5 required, and

6 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
7 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

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

10 ~~11. 8.~~ 8. Hunting license for elk for residents - Fifty Dollars  
11 (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and  
12 upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this  
13 license; and

14 ~~12. 9.~~ 9. Hunting license for antelope for residents - Fifty  
15 Dollars (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big  
16 game and upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from  
17 this license; ~~and~~

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

21 ~~a. residents with proper certification from the United~~  
22 ~~States Department of Veterans Affairs or its~~  
23 ~~successor, certifying that the person is a disabled~~  
24 ~~veteran in receipt of compensation at the one hundred-~~

1 ~~percent rate and registered with the veterans registry~~  
2 ~~created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans~~  
3 ~~Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously~~  
4 ~~received the exemption pursuant to this subparagraph,~~  
5 ~~no registration with the veterans registry shall be~~  
6 ~~required, and~~

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

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

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

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

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

- 7 a. for legal residents, ~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~ One  
8 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and
- 9 b. for nonresidents, ~~One Hundred Forty-five Dollars~~  
10 ~~(\$145.00)~~ One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00).

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

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

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

8       ~~K.~~ I. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for  
9 by subsection ~~H~~ F of this section, any nonresident convicted of  
10 violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the  
11 imposition of a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)  
12 nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in  
13 the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by  
14 both.

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

18       SECTION 4.        AMENDATORY        29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112A, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20       Section 4-112A. A. No person ~~thirty (30)~~ twenty (20) years of  
21 age or younger may purchase or receive any hunting license or  
22 hunting tag unless the person possesses and can exhibit a  
23 certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of  
24 firearms from the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The



1 Department shall charge no fee for the issuance of certificates.  
2 Persons under ten (10) years of age may take the hunter education  
3 course but are not eligible to be tested for and receive hunter  
4 safety certification. A hunter safety certificate issued by another  
5 state or country and approved by the Department of Wildlife  
6 Conservation shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this  
7 section.

8 B. A youth hunter under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age  
9 hunting small game shall be exempt from the hunter safety  
10 certification requirements set forth in subsection A of this section  
11 if they are accompanied by a licensed hunter eighteen (18) years of  
12 age or older who possesses a certificate of hunter safety or is  
13 exempt from the hunter safety certification requirements. The  
14 accompanying hunter shall be in sight of the youth hunter and shall  
15 be able to communicate with the youth hunter in a normal voice  
16 without the aid of any communication device. A youth hunter who  
17 possesses a certificate of hunter safety may hunt small game without  
18 an accompanying hunter as long as the youth hunter carries the  
19 certification on their person.

20 C. Persons under ~~thirty (30)~~ twenty-one (21) years of age who  
21 do not possess a certificate of hunter safety may purchase or  
22 receive any hunting license or permit which is required by law with  
23 the designation apprentice listed on the hunter education line of  
24 the license or permit. A person holding a license or permit with

1 the apprentice designation shall be allowed to hunt only if they are  
2 accompanied by a licensed hunter eighteen (18) years of age or older  
3 who possesses a certificate of hunter safety or is exempt from the  
4 hunter safety certification requirements or is accompanied by a  
5 person exempt from the hunting license requirements. In addition,  
6 all persons under ten (10) years of age, when hunting big game,  
7 regardless of hunter safety certification, shall be accompanied by a  
8 licensed hunter eighteen (18) years of age or older who possesses a  
9 certificate of hunter safety or is exempt from the hunter safety  
10 certification requirements or is accompanied by a person exempt from  
11 the hunting license requirement. When hunting big game, the  
12 accompanying hunter shall be within arm's length of the apprentice  
13 hunter or close enough so that the accompanying hunter can  
14 immediately take control of the firearm or archery equipment of the  
15 apprentice hunter. When hunting small game, the accompanying hunter  
16 shall be in sight of the apprentice hunter and shall be able to  
17 communicate with the apprentice hunter in a normal voice without the  
18 aid of any communication device.

19 D. Legal residents who do not possess a certificate of hunter  
20 safety may purchase a lifetime hunting license or lifetime  
21 combination hunting/fishing license with the designation apprentice  
22 listed on the hunter education line of the license. A resident  
23 holding a lifetime license with the apprentice designation shall be  
24 allowed to hunt only if they comply with the accompanying hunter

1 requirements as set forth in subsection C of this section. Upon  
2 obtaining a certificate of hunter safety, a resident holding a  
3 lifetime license with the apprentice designation shall be entitled  
4 to renew their license without the apprentice designation.

5 E. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall promulgate  
6 rules necessary for the certification of programs for hunter safety  
7 offered by other public or private organizations.

8 F. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person  
9 who has an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces,  
10 who is currently on active duty in the United States Armed Forces or  
11 a member of the National Guard. In addition, the provisions of this  
12 section shall not apply to any person who is a resident landowner or  
13 a resident tenant, while hunting game other than deer or antelope,  
14 upon land owned or leased by the person. The provisions of this  
15 subsection shall not exempt nonresidents owning land in this state  
16 nor any person leasing land, for the purpose of hunting.

17 G. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this  
18 section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less  
19 than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars  
20 (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to  
21 exceed thirty (30) days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

22 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-113, as  
23 amended by Section 3, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2022,  
24 Section 4-113), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

18 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-113.1, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

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

1 B. The fee for ~~these licenses~~ the three-year combination  
2 hunting/fishing license shall be:

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

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

5 and

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

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

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

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

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

24

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

10          ~~b. Two Dollars (\$2.00) from each stamp shall be deposited~~  
11          ~~in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created in Section~~  
12          ~~4-141 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to be used~~  
13          ~~by the Commission for management of the real property~~  
14          ~~acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the~~  
15          ~~Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the~~  
16          ~~Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.~~

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

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

1 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-114, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

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

8 B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

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

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

12 ~~3. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, Seven~~  
13 ~~Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)~~ One Thousand Twenty-three Dollars  
14 (\$1,023.00);

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

17 ~~5.~~ 3. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons  
18 sixty-five (65) years of age or older, ~~Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)~~  
19 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00); and

20 ~~6.~~ 4. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing  
21 license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, ~~Twenty-~~  
22 ~~five Dollars (\$25.00)~~ Sixty Dollars (\$60.00).

23 C. Legal resident having proper certification from the United  
24 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor certifying

1 that the person is a disabled veteran and registered with the  
2 veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
3 Affairs may purchase a disability lifetime combination hunting and  
4 fishing license from the State Wildlife Conservation Director. The  
5 fees for the license shall be as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 ~~license issued pursuant to paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of~~  
2 ~~this section and a disability lifetime combination hunting and~~  
3 ~~fishing license issued pursuant to subsection C of this section,~~  
4 ~~shall be required to purchase a Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land~~  
5 ~~Stamp. Each person shall have the stamp in their possession while~~  
6 ~~hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife. The fee for the Lifetime~~  
7 ~~Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).~~  
8 ~~The fee for the stamp shall be distributed as follows:~~

9       ~~a. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) 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 to retire~~  
12       ~~the obligations and related expenses as authorized~~  
13       ~~pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma~~  
14       ~~Statutes or to purchase, lease, or purchase easements~~  
15       ~~on real property to be used as public hunting,~~  
16       ~~fishing, and trapping areas, and~~

17       ~~b. Five Dollars (\$5.00) from each stamp shall be~~  
18       ~~deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created~~  
19       ~~in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used by the~~  
20       ~~Commission for management of the real property~~  
21       ~~acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the~~  
22       ~~Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the~~  
23       ~~Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.~~

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

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

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

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

1 ~~Department, all funds received shall be forfeited and shall not be~~  
2 ~~refunded.~~

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

6 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-130, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

23 C. ~~1.~~ The Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp fee and waterfowl  
24 license shall ~~each be Nine Dollars (\$9.00). The remainder of the~~

1 ~~fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used~~  
2 ~~exclusively in the State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing,~~  
3 ~~managing, preserving, restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and~~  
4 ~~for the conservation and management of waterfowl and ecologically~~  
5 ~~related species~~ be for:

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

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

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

13 ~~3.~~ 2. The waterfowl stamp or license issued pursuant to this  
14 section shall expire on June 30 of each year.

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

19 ~~E.~~ F. 1. Any person arrested for hunting or taking any  
20 waterfowl during the open season on waterfowl without a valid  
21 Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license as required by the  
22 provisions of subsection A of this section may purchase a substitute  
23 temporary thirty-day stamp or license from the arresting game warden  
24 in lieu of posting bond. Proof of hunter safety certification shall

1 not be required for the temporary substitute stamp or license. The  
2 fee for a substitute stamp or license purchased pursuant to the  
3 provisions of this subsection shall be:

- 4 a. for legal residents - ~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~ One  
5 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and
- 6 b. for nonresidents - ~~One Hundred Forty-five Dollars~~  
7 ~~(\$145.00)~~ One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00).

8 2. The fees from the temporary stamp and license purchased  
9 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in  
10 the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used exclusively in ~~the State~~  
11 ~~of Oklahoma~~ this state, for the purpose of developing, managing,  
12 preserving, restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and for the  
13 conservation and management of waterfowl and ecologically related  
14 species.

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

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

21 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-138, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

7 B. The Commission may establish and assess:

8 1. A fee ~~of~~ not more than One Dollar (\$1.00) above the cost of  
9 an annual resident hunting or fishing license for the Annual  
10 Wildlife Conservation Passport; and

11 2. A fee ~~of~~ not more than Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for the  
12 Three-Day Wildlife Conservation Passport.

13 Each person, not otherwise exempt as provided for in subsection  
14 C of this section, entering or using a designated area of land shall  
15 be required to have a Passport in their possession while in the  
16 area.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22           SECTION 10.           AMENDATORY           29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-140, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

7       ~~9. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent~~  
8 ~~(60%) or more and registered with the veterans registry created by~~  
9 ~~the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the~~  
10 ~~veteran has previously received the exemption pursuant to this~~  
11 ~~paragraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be~~  
12 ~~required;~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 ~~a. the payment of bond debt and related expenses incurred~~  
13 ~~pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma~~  
14 ~~Statutes for the purchase of public hunting, fishing,~~  
15 ~~and trapping areas where the public may hunt, fish, or~~  
16 ~~trap as authorized by law or for the purchase, lease,~~  
17 ~~or purchasing of easements on real property to be used~~  
18 ~~as public hunting, fishing, and trapping areas, and~~

19 ~~b. the management of the real property acquired pursuant~~  
20 ~~to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~  
21 ~~or acquired with proceeds from the Oklahoma Wildlife~~  
22 ~~Land Stamp fee.~~

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

4       ~~3. The Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp issued pursuant to this~~  
5 ~~section for hunting licenses issued pursuant to paragraph 1 of~~  
6 ~~subsection C and paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection E of Section 4-112~~  
7 ~~of this title and paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection B of Section 4-~~  
8 ~~113 of this title, shall expire on December 31. The Oklahoma~~  
9 ~~Wildlife Land Stamp issued pursuant to this section for hunting~~  
10 ~~licenses issued pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection C and~~  
11 ~~paragraphs 2 and 4 of subsection E of Section 4-112 of this title~~  
12 ~~and paragraphs 2 and 4 of subsection B of Section 4-113 of this~~  
13 ~~title, shall expire on June 30.~~

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

19       SECTION 11.       AMENDATORY       29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-144, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

6 1. For legal residents, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); and

7 2. For nonresidents, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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

15 E. Any person who fails to obtain a license as required in  
16 subsection A of this section and pay the fee as required in  
17 paragraph 2 of subsection C of this section, upon conviction, shall  
18 be punished by a fine of not less than Eight Hundred Dollars  
19 (\$800.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by  
20 imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6)  
21 months, or by both ~~said~~ such fine and imprisonment.

22 F. A resident in possession of a lifetime combination hunting  
23 and fishing license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-114 of  
24 this title prior to and after the effective date of this act shall

1 be exempt from the annual black bear license requirements of  
2 subsection A of this section.

3 SECTION 12. REPEALER 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as  
4 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp.  
5 2022, Section 4-112), is hereby repealed.

6 SECTION 13. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

7 SECTION 14. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
8 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
9 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
10 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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