

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB941</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>FA1</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>10214</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Burns</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

The floor substitute to SB 941 modifies hunting and fishing licensing fees for residents and nonresidents. The measure also does the following:

- Requires the Wildlife Commission to submit a report to the legislature every five years with proposed licensing fees based on the latest Consumer Price Index;
- Raises the age at which residents and non-residents are exempt from having a fishing or hunting license from 16 to 18;
- Creates a five year disability combination hunting/finishing license for \$20;
- Removes the five year fishing, hunting, and combination licenses for residents and replaces it with a three year combination hunting/fishing license for \$120.
- Removes the lifetime hunting licenses;
- Clarifies that a resident in possession of a lifetime hunting license, or combination hunting/fishing license, is exempt from the annual black bear license requirements; and
- Repeals [Title 29 Section 4-112](#), which relates to hunting licenses. This repealer addresses a duplicate sections issue.

**CHANGES IN FLOOR SUB VERSION FROM ENGROSSED:**

The floor substitute to SB 941 modifies several licensing fees for fishing and hunting and provides that certain licenses expire one year after the date of purchase, not on December 31 or June 30.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

This measure makes several changes to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's (ODWC) various hunting and fishing licenses, including several fee increases and the ability to update fees every 5 years based on the Consumer Price Index. ODWC estimates, these changes will help increase revenue between \$10,000,000-\$12,000,000 depending on how quickly licenses are purchased. As ODWC is a non-appropriated agency there is no impact to the state budget from this measure.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

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