

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 941

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to fish and wildlife; 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 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 4-112), which relates to hunting license; increasing age threshold for license; increasing fees; removing certain deposits of fees into certain fund; eliminating certain licenses; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112A, which relates 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 deposit of fee into certain fund; increasing fees; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-138, which relates

1 to the Wildlife Conservation Passport; requiring
2 passport for land managed by the Commission;
3 increasing age threshold for exemption; amending 29
4 O.S. 2021, Section 4-140, which relates to wildlife
5 land stamp; increasing age threshold for exemption;
6 repealing 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as last
7 amended by Section 1, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2022 (29
8 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 4-112), which relates to
9 hunting license; providing an effective date; and
10 declaring an emergency.

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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 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

1 sessions as may be called by the Chair or a majority of the
2 Commission. The Commission may hold any regular or special session
3 at any location within this state. Should a location be chosen
4 other than Commission headquarters in Oklahoma City for a regular or
5 special meeting, notice shall be posted at Commission headquarters
6 in Oklahoma City and advertised in the local newspaper of the city
7 in which the meeting is to be held, at least one time during each of
8 the two (2) weeks prior to the meeting. The advertisements shall
9 include time, date, and address of location of the meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 15. Regulate the seasons and harvest of wildlife;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 2. Legal residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older and
24 nonresidents sixty-five (65) years of age or older from states which

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

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

6 4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent
7 (60%) or more and registered with the veterans registry created by
8 the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the
9 veteran has previously received an exemption pursuant to this
10 paragraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be
11 required. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
12 promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this
13 paragraph;

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

17 6. 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 the institution or legal guardian of the patient, or
23 when fishing on institutional property;

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

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

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

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

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

23 ~~12.~~ 11. Any legal resident having a proven disability which
24 renders the resident nonambulatory and confined to a wheelchair as
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1 certified by a physician licensed in this state or any state which
2 borders this state;

3 ~~13.~~ 12. Any legal resident who is fishing with a pole and line,
4 trotline, or throwline in streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and
5 mine pits in the county in which the person is a resident, or in
6 streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and mine pits which form a
7 part of the boundary line of the county in which the person is a
8 resident, when using any bait other than commercial or artificial
9 bait, blood, stink bait, cut fish, and shrimp; and

10 ~~14.~~ 13. Any legal resident or nonresident participating in an
11 aquatic education event or clinic sanctioned by the Department of
12 Wildlife Conservation.

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

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

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

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

23 ~~D. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of~~
24 ~~paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection C of this section, Five Dollars~~

1 ~~(\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land~~
2 ~~Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund~~
3 ~~created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.~~

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

7 1. ~~Annual fishing license for nonresidents - Fifty-four Dollars~~
8 ~~(\$54.00) Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00), provided the Commission may~~
9 ~~enter into reciprocity agreements with states wherein nonresident~~
10 ~~license fees shall be in conformity with such reciprocal agreements;~~

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

13 3. ~~One-day fishing license for nonresidents - Fourteen Dollars~~
14 ~~(\$14.00) Daily fishing license for residents - Ten Dollars (\$10.00);~~
15 ~~and~~

16 4. ~~Daily fishing license for nonresidents - Eighteen Dollars~~
17 ~~(\$18.00).~~

18 F. ~~Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of~~
19 ~~paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection E of this section, Five Dollars~~
20 ~~(\$5.00) of the annual license fee for nonresidents, One Dollar and~~
21 ~~fifty cents (\$1.50) of the six-day fishing license for nonresidents~~
22 ~~fee and One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of the one-day fishing~~
23 ~~license for nonresidents fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land~~
24 ~~Acquisition Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132~~

1 ~~of this title. 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 license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land~~
4 ~~Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund~~
5 ~~created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.~~

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

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

- 23 a. for legal residents, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
24 b. for nonresidents, Ninety Dollars (\$90.00).

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

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

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

19 ~~K.~~ H. Any person producing proof in court that a current
20 fishing license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to
21 that person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be
22 entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon
23 payment of court costs. If proof of a current fishing license
24 issued by the Department to the person that was in force at the time

1 of the alleged offense is presented to the court or district
2 attorney within seventy-two (72) hours after the violation, the
3 charge shall be dismissed without payment of court costs.

4 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as
5 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp.
6 2022, Section 4-112), is amended to read as follows:

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

18 B. The following legal residents of Oklahoma shall be exempt
19 from the annual hunting license requirement of paragraph 1 of
20 subsection ~~E~~ D of this section and the following nonresidents shall
21 be exempt from the annual nonresident hunting licenses required
22 pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 1. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other
8 than ~~deer~~, antelope, elk, or bear which expires one (1) year after
9 the date of issuance - ~~One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00)~~
10 One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00). Nonresidents hunting big game
11 or combination big game ~~and upland game~~ in a commercial hunting
12 area, gun hunting for deer, or primitive firearms hunting for deer
13 shall be required to have this license;

14 2. Gun hunting license for deer for nonresidents which shall be
15 valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current calendar year
16 deer gun season - ~~Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$279.00)~~ Two
17 Hundred Dollars (\$200.00);

18 3. Archery hunting license for deer for nonresidents which
19 shall expire on January 15 of the calendar year after the year
20 purchased or if purchased during the deer archery season it shall
21 expire at the end of that deer archery season - ~~Two Hundred Seventy-~~
22 ~~nine Dollars (\$279.00)~~ Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00);

23 4. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for nonresidents
24 which shall be valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current
25

1 calendar year deer primitive firearms season - ~~Two Hundred Seventy-~~
2 ~~nine Dollars (\$279.00)~~ Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00);

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

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

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

12 8. Ten-day hunting license for nonresidents and residents
13 hunting small game and upland game in a commercial hunting area -
14 ~~Five Dollars (\$5.00)~~ Twenty Dollars (\$20.00); and

15 9. Annual hunting license for nonresidents under eighteen (18)
16 years of age - One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

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

19 1. ~~Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee of each license~~
20 ~~issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 7 of subsection C of this~~
21 ~~section and Two Dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) of the license fee~~
22 ~~for each license issued pursuant to paragraph 8 of subsection C of~~
23 ~~this section shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition~~

1 ~~Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this~~
2 ~~title; and~~

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

8 ~~E.~~ Except as otherwise provided, the annual resident hunting
9 licenses issued pursuant to this subsection shall expire one (1)
10 year after the date of issuance. The resident hunting licenses
11 issued pursuant to this section and the fee for each license shall
12 be:

13 1. Annual hunting license for residents eighteen (18) years of
14 age and older - ~~Thirty-one Dollars (\$31.00)~~ Thirty-five Dollars
15 (\$35.00);

16 2. Annual hunting license for residents ~~sixteen (16) or~~
17 ~~seventeen (17)~~ under eighteen (18) years of age - ~~Six Dollars~~
18 ~~(\$6.00)~~ Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00);

19 3. Ten-day hunting license for residents for small game in a
20 commercial hunting area - Five Dollars (\$5.00);

21 4. Five-year disability hunting license for residents for at
22 least six (6) months who are receiving Social Security Disability
23 benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits or disability
24 benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A., Section

1 231a, or residents who are one-hundred-percent disabled and are
2 receiving disability payments from the Multiple Injury Trust Fund
3 pursuant to Section 31 of Title 85A of the Oklahoma Statutes - ~~Ten~~
4 ~~Dollars (\$10.00)~~ Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

5 5. Gun hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18)
6 years of age or older - ~~Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00)~~ Thirty-five
7 Dollars (\$35.00). The following persons shall be exempt:

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

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

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

22 ~~7. Archery hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18)~~
23 ~~years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following~~
24 ~~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. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents~~
16 ~~eighteen (18) years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00)-~~
17 Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00). The following persons shall be
18 exempt:

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

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

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

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

9 ~~11.~~ 7. Hunting license for elk for residents - Fifty Dollars
10 (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and
11 upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this
12 license;

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

17 ~~13.~~ 9. Bonus, special or additional gun hunting license for
18 deer for residents - ~~Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00)~~ Thirty-five Dollars
19 (\$35.00). The following 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 ~~F. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of~~
9 ~~paragraph 1 of subsection E of this section, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of~~
10 ~~the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and~~
11 ~~shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created~~
12 ~~pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.~~

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

22 ~~H. F.~~ 1. Any person arrested for hunting game other than deer,
23 antelope, elk, bear or turkey without a valid hunting license as
24 required by the provisions of subsection A of this section may

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

- 6 a. for legal residents, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
- 7 b. for nonresidents, One Hundred Forty-five Dollars
8 (\$145.00).

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

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

23 ~~F.~~ H. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for
24 by subsection ~~H~~ F of this section, any resident convicted of

1 violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the
2 imposition of a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)
3 nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or by imprisonment in
4 the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by
5 both.

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

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

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

18 Section 4-112A. A. No person thirty (30) years of age or
19 younger may purchase or receive any hunting license or hunting tag
20 unless the person possesses and can exhibit a certificate of
21 competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms from the
22 Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Department shall charge no
23 fee for the issuance of certificates. Persons under ten (10) years
24 of age may take the hunter education course but are not eligible to

1 be tested for and receive hunter safety certification. A hunter
2 safety certificate issued by another state or country and approved
3 by the Department of Wildlife Conservation shall be deemed to meet
4 the requirements of this section.

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

17 C. Persons under thirty (30) years of age who do not possess a
18 certificate of hunter safety may purchase or receive any hunting
19 license or permit which is required by law with the designation
20 apprentice listed on the hunter education line of the license or
21 permit. A person holding a license or permit with the apprentice
22 designation shall be allowed to hunt only if they are accompanied by
23 a licensed hunter eighteen (18) years of age or older who possesses
24 a certificate of hunter safety or is exempt from the hunter safety

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

16 D. Legal residents who do not possess a certificate of hunter
17 safety may purchase a lifetime hunting license or lifetime
18 combination hunting/fishing license with the designation apprentice
19 listed on the hunter education line of the license. A resident
20 holding a lifetime license with the apprentice designation shall be
21 allowed to hunt only if they comply with the accompanying hunter
22 requirements as set forth in subsection C of this section. Upon
23 obtaining a certificate of hunter safety, a resident holding a
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1 lifetime license with the apprentice designation shall be entitled
2 to renew their license without the apprentice designation.

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

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

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

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

23 Section 4-113. A. Legal residents who are not the individuals
24 exempted from the license requirement as provided in subsection B of

1 Section 4-112 of this title may purchase an annual combination
2 hunting/fishing license from the Director or agents of the Director.

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

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

8 2. For legal residents ~~sixteen (16) or seventeen (17)~~ under
9 eighteen (18) years of age for a license that expires one (1) year
10 after the date of issuance - ~~Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00)~~ Twenty-five
11 Dollars (\$25.00).

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

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

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

24 B. The fee for these licenses shall be:
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1 1. ~~Five-year~~ Three-year fishing license, ~~Seventy-five Dollars~~
2 ~~(\$75.00)~~ One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00);

3 2. ~~Five-year~~ Three-year hunting license, ~~Seventy-five Dollars~~
4 ~~(\$75.00)~~ One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00); and

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

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

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.~~

SECTION 7. 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)~~ One Thousand Twenty-three Dollars (\$1,023.00);

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

4. Senior citizen lifetime hunting license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, ~~Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)~~ Sixty Dollars (\$60.00);

5. 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. 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).

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

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

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

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

18 E. Should any lifetime license be lost or destroyed, a
19 duplicate will be issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation
20 for a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

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

23 G. ~~1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to paragraphs 1~~
24 ~~through 3 of subsection B of this section, a person purchasing a~~

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

11 ~~a. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) from each stamp shall be~~
12 ~~deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created~~
13 ~~in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used to retire~~
14 ~~the obligations and related expenses as authorized~~
15 ~~pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma~~
16 ~~Statutes or to purchase, lease, or purchase easements~~
17 ~~on real property to be used as public hunting,~~
18 ~~fishing, and trapping areas, and~~

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

1 ~~Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the~~
2 ~~Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.~~

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

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

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

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

1 ~~the application for installment payments is submitted to the~~
2 ~~Department, all funds received shall be forfeited and shall not be~~
3 ~~refunded.~~

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

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

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

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

- 20 1. Legal residents of Oklahoma under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18)
21 years of age; and
- 22 2. Legal residents of Oklahoma sixty-five (65) years of age or
23 older.

1 C. ~~1.~~ The Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp fee and waterfowl
2 license shall ~~each be Nine Dollars (\$9.00). The remainder of the~~
3 ~~fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used~~
4 ~~exclusively in the State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing,~~
5 ~~managing, preserving, restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and~~
6 ~~for the conservation and management of waterfowl and ecologically~~
7 ~~related species~~ be for:

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

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

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

15 ~~3.~~ 2. The waterfowl stamp or license issued pursuant to this
16 section shall expire on June 30 of each year.

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

21 ~~E.~~ F. 1. Any person arrested for hunting or taking any
22 waterfowl during the open season on waterfowl without a valid
23 Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license as required by the
24 provisions of subsection A of this section may purchase a substitute

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

- 6 a. for legal residents - Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
- 7 b. for nonresidents - One Hundred Forty-five Dollars
8 (\$145.00).

9 2. The fees from the temporary stamp and license purchased
10 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in
11 the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used exclusively in the State
12 of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing, managing, preserving,
13 restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and for the conservation
14 and management of waterfowl and ecologically related 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 Wildlife Conservation Commission may
24 establish special use permits to be designated the:
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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) for legal residents of this
15 state, and

16 b. Ninety Dollars (\$90.00) for nonresidents.

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

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

23 Section 4-140. A. Except as otherwise provided for in this
24 section, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill,

1 take, or attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession,
2 sell, or transport all or any portion of any wildlife including fish
3 unless the person has first obtained an Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp
4 from the Director or any authorized agents of the Department of
5 Wildlife Conservation. Each person shall have the stamp in their
6 possession when hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife.

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

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

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

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

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

18 5. Nonresidents holding a valid nonresident lifetime fishing
19 license;

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

1 7. Nonresidents under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age
2 from states which do not require nonresident fishing licenses for
3 persons under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) 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)~~ eighteen (18) years of
10 age;

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

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

22 16. Any legal resident or nonresident who is fishing with a
23 pole and line, trotline, or throwline in streams, natural lakes,
24 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.

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.

18 SECTION 11. REPEALER 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as
19 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp.
20 2022, Section 4-112), is hereby repealed.

21 SECTION 12. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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

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