

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1668 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Josh Cantrell \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED OVERSIGHT  
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1668

By: Cantrell

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8 PROPOSED OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act;  
10 defining certain term; prohibiting certain wildlife  
11 propagation and holding; requiring certain licensing  
12 by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and  
13 Forestry; requiring certain proof submission;  
14 authorizing certain inspection authority;  
15 establishing certain license fee; providing certain  
16 expiration guidelines; authorizing certain rule  
17 promulgation authority; amending 29 O.S. 2021,  
18 Section 4-106, which relates to licenses; modifying  
19 certain license descriptions; removing certain  
20 inspection authority; removing certain license fees;  
21 modifying certain rule promulgation authority;  
22 providing for codification; and declaring an  
23 emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6-517 of Title 2, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For purposes of this section, "commercial harvesting  
facility" means a privately owned premises managed or engaged on a

1 business basis for the harvesting or hunting of legally acquired and  
2 privately owned cervidae, to include whitetail deer, mule deer or  
3 elk, cervidae hybrids, turkey, exotic species, and exotic hybrid  
4 species for barter, the offer to sell, or for the possession with  
5 intent to sell for profit or monetary gain.

6 B. No person may propagate or hold in captivity any wildlife  
7 belonging to the state. A commercial harvesting license shall be  
8 issued by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry  
9 to a commercial harvesting facility that applies for the commercial  
10 harvesting license if that commercial harvesting facility complies  
11 with all applicable laws and rules governing the harvesting of  
12 legally acquired cervidae, to include whitetail deer, mule deer and  
13 elk, cervidae hybrids, turkey, exotic species, and exotic hybrid  
14 species harvested in a commercial harvesting facility.

15 C. Before obtaining a commercial harvesting facility license or  
16 renewal, the applicant shall submit proof that any additional  
17 animals have been secured from a source other than wild stock of  
18 this state.

19 D. The Secretary of Agriculture, State Veterinarian, or their  
20 designees shall have the authority to inspect a commercial  
21 harvesting facility and its operations at any time if there is  
22 probable cause that a violation has occurred. All other inspections  
23 shall require prior notice as determined in the rule promulgation by  
24 the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.

1 E. The annual fee for a commercial harvesting facility license  
2 shall be Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

3 F. All licenses issued pursuant to this section shall expire  
4 August 31 of each year and shall replace those issued previously  
5 pursuant to Section 4-106 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

6 G. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry  
7 shall promulgate rules as necessary pursuant to the commercial  
8 harvesting license outlined in this section.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-106, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 4-106. A. No person may propagate or hold in captivity  
12 any wildlife or domesticated animals hunted for sport for commercial  
13 hunting area purposes without having first procured ~~a~~ an appropriate  
14 license. An upland game license can be procured from the Director  
15 of the Department of Wildlife Conservation. ~~Licenses shall be~~  
16 ~~classified as big game, upland game, or a combination of big game~~  
17 ~~and upland game~~ A commercial harvesting license can be procured from  
18 the Secretary of Agriculture.

19 1. A ~~big game~~ commercial harvesting license, as created in  
20 Section 1 of this act, shall be required for legally acquired exotic  
21 ungulates, domesticated animals so designated by the Oklahoma  
22 Wildlife Conservation Commission, exotic swine, and legally acquired  
23 whitetail and mule deer, turkey and other species of big game  
24 lawfully taken under the provisions of subsection A of Section 5-411

1 and Section 5-401 of this title. Wildlife that has been crossbred  
2 with exotic wildlife shall be considered native and not exotic  
3 unless documentation shows otherwise.

4 2. An upland game license shall be required for legally  
5 acquired captive-raised pheasants, all species of quail, Indian  
6 chukars, water fowl, and other similar or suitable gallinaceous  
7 birds; ~~and shall include turkey if no other big game species are~~  
8 ~~listed on the license/application.~~

9 B. Before obtaining a license or a renewal of a license, the  
10 applicant shall submit proof that such wildlife or domesticated  
11 animals hunted for sport will be or have been secured from a source  
12 other than the wild stock in this state. Any person obtaining or  
13 renewing a license shall submit a true and complete inventory of  
14 said animals before a license shall be approved. Each license shall  
15 specifically list the different species and/or subspecies to be  
16 hunted on the listed hunting area or premises.

17 C. ~~Any game warden of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife~~  
18 ~~Conservation shall have authority to inspect any and all records and~~  
19 ~~invoices pertaining to the commercial hunting operations of any~~  
20 ~~person licensed or requesting licensure pursuant to this section and~~  
21 ~~additionally shall have the authority to inspect any and all~~  
22 ~~facilities, equipment and property connected to the hunting~~  
23 ~~operation of any person licensed or requesting licensure pursuant to~~  
24 ~~this section.~~

1       ~~D. 1. The annual fee for a commercial hunting area license for~~  
2 ~~upland game under this section shall be One Hundred Dollars~~  
3 ~~(\$100.00).~~

4       ~~2. The annual fee for a commercial hunting area license for:~~

5           ~~a. big game pursuant to this section shall be Two Hundred~~  
6           ~~Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), or~~

7           ~~b. a combination of big game and upland game pursuant to~~  
8           ~~this section shall be Three Hundred Fifty Dollars~~  
9           ~~(\$350.00).~~

10       ~~E.~~ All licenses issued pursuant to this section shall expire on  
11 ~~June 30~~ August 1 of each year.

12       ~~F.~~ D. Exemptions from this license requirement shall be  
13 operators of running pens used for the performance test or training  
14 of dogs. Operators of such running pens may acquire coyotes from  
15 wild stock without having to possess a fur dealer's license for such  
16 purpose and no license shall be required of those involved in  
17 performance testing or training dogs in such running pens so long as  
18 no other wildlife are taken or hunted in any manner.

19       ~~G.~~ E. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this  
20 section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred  
21 Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars  
22 (\$1,500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed  
23 sixty (60) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

1        ~~H.~~ F. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this  
2 section shall have the commercial hunting area license revoked. No  
3 new license shall be issued for a period of six (6) months from and  
4 after the date on which the revocation order becomes effective.

5        ~~I.~~ G. The Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry, along  
6 with the Department of Wildlife Conservation, is authorized to  
7 promulgate rules pertaining to ~~commercial hunting areas~~ this  
8 section.

9        SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
10 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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