

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5   FOR  
6   HOUSE BILL NO. 2896

By: George of the House

and

**Murdock** of the Senate

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11           An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.  
12           2021, Section 4-114, as amended by Section 6, Chapter  
13           6, O.S.L. 2024 (29 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 4-114),  
14           which relates to lifetime fishing and combination  
15           hunting and fishing licenses; creating lifetime  
16           nonresident fishing and combination hunting and  
17           fishing licenses; establishing requirements for  
18           license; providing license fee; providing an  
19           effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

21           SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-114, as  
22           amended by Section 6, Chapter 6, O.S.L. 2024 (29 O.S. Supp. 2024,  
23           Section 4-114), is amended to read as follows:

24           Section 4-114. A. All legal residents who have resided in the  
            state for at least six (6) months and intend to remain residents,  
            and nonresidents pursuant to the requirements provided in subsection

1 J of this section, may purchase lifetime fishing licenses or  
2 lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses from the State  
3 Wildlife Conservation Director.

4 B. The fee for these licenses for legal residents shall be:

5 1. Lifetime fishing license, Three Hundred Seventy-five Dollars  
6 (\$375.00);

7 2. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, One  
8 Thousand Twenty-four Dollars (\$1,024.00);

9 3. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons sixty-  
10 five (65) years of age or older, Thirty Dollars (\$30.00); and

11 4. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing  
12 license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Sixty  
13 Dollars (\$60.00).

14 C. ~~Legal~~ The fee for these licenses for nonresidents shall be:

15 1. Lifetime fishing license, Three Thousand Dollars  
16 (\$3,000.00);

17 2. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, Seven  
18 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00);

19 3. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons sixty-  
20 five (65) years of age or older, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00); and

21 4. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing  
22 license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Four  
23 Hundred Dollars (\$400.00).

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

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

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

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

6        ~~H.~~ I. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
7 promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this  
8 section.

9        J. The licenses for a nonresident under this section shall be  
10 issued to any nonresident, which shall include the spouse and  
11 children, who are under eighteen (18) years of age, of the  
12 nonresident, who hunts on land he or she owns that:

13        1. Is a minimum of one hundred sixty (160) acres;

14        2. Is not owned by a trust, any type of business entity, or by  
15 multiple owners, excluding joint tenants with the right of  
16 survivorship;

17        3. Has been owned by the nonresident for at least one (1) year;

18        4. The nonresident has paid property taxes on the land for the  
19 previous year; and

20        5. The nonresident has shown proof of both ownership and paid  
21 taxes to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

22        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

23        SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

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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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 02/26/2025 - DO PASS,  
5 As Amended and Coauthored.

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