

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 24, 2025

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1074

By: Murdock

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6 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act;  
7 defining term; requiring person to obtain a  
8 commercial harvesting facility license for certain  
9 purpose; authorizing the Oklahoma Department of  
10 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to require  
11 application and inspection for licensure;  
12 establishing license fee; requiring application for  
13 license after certain license expires; providing for  
14 promulgation of rules; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section  
15 4-106, which relates to commercial hunting areas;  
16 removing reference to certain type of license;  
17 updating statutory language; providing for  
18 codification; providing for effective date; and  
19 declaring an emergency.

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

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

24 A. For purposes of this section, "commercial harvesting  
facility" means a privately or publicly owned premises managed or  
engaged on a business basis for the harvesting or hunting of legally  
acquired and privately owned cervidae, which may include white-  
tailed deer, mule deer, and elk, cervidae hybrids, turkey, exotic  
species, and exotic hybrid species, for barter, for the offer to

1 sell, or for the possession with intent to sell for profit or  
2 monetary gain.

3 B. No person may propagate or hold in captivity any wildlife or  
4 domesticated animals hunted for sport for a commercial harvesting  
5 facility without having procured a commercial harvesting facility  
6 license from the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and  
7 Forestry. A commercial harvesting facility shall be issued a  
8 commercial harvesting facility license upon completion of an  
9 application and adherence to all applicable laws and rules governing  
10 the harvesting of legally acquired cervidae, which may include  
11 white-tailed deer, mule deer, and elk, cervidae hybrids, turkey,  
12 exotic species, and exotic hybrid species harvested in a commercial  
13 harvesting facility. Nothing in this section shall allow a person  
14 to propagate or hold in captivity any wildlife belonging to the  
15 state.

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

20 D. The Secretary of Agriculture, State Veterinarian, or his or  
21 her designees shall have the authority to inspect a commercial  
22 harvesting facility and its operations at any time upon evidence of  
23 probable cause that a violation of this section or of the Oklahoma  
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1 Farmed Cervidae Act has occurred. The Department shall be required  
2 to provide notice of all other inspections as determined by rule.

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

5 F. All licenses issued pursuant to this section shall expire  
6 August 31 of each year. After the effective date of this act,  
7 facilities issued a big game license or a combination of big game  
8 and upland game license pursuant to Section 4-106 of Title 29 of the  
9 Oklahoma Statutes shall be required to obtain a commercial  
10 harvesting facility license pursuant to this section.

11 G. The Department shall promulgate rules as necessary to  
12 implement the provisions of this section.

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

15 Section 4-106. A. No person may propagate or hold in captivity  
16 any wildlife or domesticated animals hunted for sport for commercial  
17 hunting area purposes without having procured a license from the  
18 Director of ~~the Department of~~ Wildlife Conservation. Licenses ~~shall~~  
19 ~~be classified as big game, upland game, or a combination of big game~~  
20 ~~and~~ issued pursuant to this section shall be for commercial hunting  
21 areas for upland game.

22 ~~1. A big game license shall be required for legally acquired~~  
23 ~~exotic ungulates, domesticated animals so designated by the Oklahoma~~  
24 ~~Wildlife Conservation Commission, exotic swine, and legally acquired~~

1 ~~whitetail and mule deer, turkey and other species of big game~~  
2 ~~lawfully taken under the provisions of subsection A of Section 5-411~~  
3 ~~and Section 5-401 of this title. Wildlife that has been crossbred~~  
4 ~~with exotic wildlife shall be considered native and not exotic~~  
5 ~~unless documentation shows otherwise.~~

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

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

20 C. Any game warden of the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Wildlife  
21 Conservation shall have authority to inspect any and all records and  
22 invoices pertaining to the commercial hunting operations of any  
23 person licensed or requesting licensure pursuant to subsection B of  
24 this section and additionally shall have the authority to inspect

1 any and all facilities, equipment and property connected to the  
2 hunting operation of any person licensed or requesting licensure  
3 pursuant to subsection B of this section.

4 D. ~~1.~~ The annual fee for a commercial hunting area license for  
5 upland game under this section shall be One Hundred Dollars  
6 (\$100.00).

7 ~~2. The annual fee for a commercial hunting area license for:~~  
8 a. ~~big game pursuant to this section shall be Two Hundred~~  
9 ~~Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), or~~  
10 b. ~~a combination of big game and upland game pursuant to~~  
11 ~~this section shall be Three Hundred Fifty Dollars~~  
12 ~~(\$350.00).~~

13 E. ~~All licenses~~ An upland game license issued pursuant to this  
14 section shall expire on June 30 of each year.

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

22 G. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this  
23 section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred  
24 Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars

1 (\$1,500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed  
2 sixty (60) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

8 I. The Department is authorized to promulgate rules pertaining  
9 to ~~commercial hunting areas~~ this section.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

11 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
12 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE  
16 February 24, 2025 - DO PASS

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