

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1270

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to game and fish; authorizing the
8 Department of Wildlife Conservation to issue
9 landowner bounty permits; requiring registration of
10 property; requiring certain hunting availability;
11 providing permit fee; authorizing the Department to
12 issue feral swine bounty hunter licenses; providing
13 license duration and fee; authorizing licensee to
14 take feral swine from certain property upon written
15 permission; providing permission form contents;
16 requiring additional permit for hunting feral swine
17 at night; requiring receipt for submission of tail of
18 killed feral swine; requiring receipt; providing
19 payment amount for receipt; authorizing Department to
20 suspend payments upon insufficient funds; creating
21 the Feral Swine Bounty Hunter Revolving Fund;
22 providing for appropriation and expenditures of
23 revolving fund; requiring certain coordination and
24 sharing of information; directing the Department to
promulgate rules; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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 4-135.2 of Title 29, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. The Department of Wildlife Conservation is authorized to
2 issue annual permits to landowners for a landowner bounty permit. An
3 applicant for a landowner bounty permit shall register his or her
4 private property and make the property available to feral swine
5 bounty hunter license holders for hunting feral swine on the
6 landowner's property. The fee for the landowner bounty permit shall
7 be twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per acre of land the permit holder
8 registers.

9 B. The Department of Wildlife Conservation is authorized to
10 issue licenses to feral swine bounty hunters. The feral swine
11 bounty hunter license shall be valid for six (6) months from the
12 date of issuance. The licensee may thereafter renew the license.
13 The fee for feral swine bounty hunter licenses shall be Thirty-five
14 Dollars (\$35.00).

15 C. A feral swine bounty hunter licensee may take feral swine,
16 with written permission on a form provided by the Department prior
17 to hunting feral swine, on the property of a landowner bounty permit
18 holder. The written permission form shall include county and legal
19 description of the property for which the landowner bounty permit
20 was issued, date and time of the approved hunt and name and contact
21 information of the landowner bounty permit holder and the feral
22 swine bounty hunter licensee. A feral swine bounty hunter licensee
23 who intends to kill or attempts to kill feral swine at night shall
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1 also obtain a permit issued by the Department pursuant to Section 4-
2 135 of Title 29 of this title and promulgated rules.

3 D. A feral swine bounty hunter licensee that takes feral swine
4 from the property of a landowner bounty permit holder may submit or
5 present the tail of any killed feral swine to the landowner bounty
6 permit holder, whereby the landowner bounty permit holder shall
7 provide a receipt, on a form provided by the Department, to the
8 feral swine bounty hunter licensee. A feral swine bounty hunter
9 licensee may submit the receipt to the Department for a payment of
10 Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The Department may temporarily suspend
11 payments required under this section upon a determination or
12 identification of insufficient funds in the Feral Swine Bounty
13 Hunter Revolving Fund.

14 E. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
15 fund for the Department of Wildlife Conservation to be designated
16 the "Feral Swine Bounty Hunter Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
17 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
18 consist of all monies apportioned to the fund from permit and
19 license fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this section.
20 All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
21 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department of
22 Wildlife Conservation for the purpose of providing the payments to
23 feral swine bounty hunter licensees as provided in subsection D of
24 this section. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon

1 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
2 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
3 Enterprise Services for approval and payment. The State Treasurer,
4 Director of Office of Management and Enterprise Services and
5 Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation shall coordinate
6 and share any necessary information to determine and identify once
7 monies accruing to the credit of the fund become insufficient to
8 provide the payments to feral swine bounty hunter licensees as
9 provided in subsection D of this section.

10 F. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall promulgate any
11 rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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