

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1485

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.
8 2011, Section 5-203.1, which relates to hunting with
9 aid of lights or a motor-driven land, air or water
10 conveyance; allowing certain disabled persons to hunt
11 from a motor-driven conveyance with a permit
12 including certain disabled veterans; providing for
13 fee and duration of permit; updating statutory
14 reference; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 5-203.1, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 5-203.1 A. No person may attempt to take, take,
19 attempt to catch, catch, attempt to capture, capture, attempt to
20 kill, or kill any deer, feral animal or other wildlife except fish
21 and frogs by the use of a vehicle mounted spotlight or other
22 powerful light at night, by what is commonly known as
23 "headlighting". Provided, however, nothing in this section shall
24 prevent one from possessing a .22 caliber rimfire rifle or .22
pistol and a light carried while in pursuit of furbearers with

1 hounds during the legal, open furbearers season, while possessing a
2 valid hunting license.

3 B. Any person may use a shotgun, using No. 6 size shot or
4 smaller, longbow, light and a call for the purpose of hunting
5 predatory animals, provided that written permission is obtained from
6 the local game warden for each twenty-four-hour period of hunting.

7 C. It shall be illegal to hunt from a boat with a firearm from
8 sunset until one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise. This shall not
9 pertain to hunting of waterfowl enroute from bank to blind with
10 unloaded shotguns.

11 D. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, no person
12 may harass, attempt to capture, capture, attempt to take or take,
13 kill or attempt to kill any wildlife with the aid of any motor-
14 driven land, air or water conveyance.

15 E. A person who is physically disabled, including but not
16 limited to a person who is a disabled veteran as certified by the
17 United States Department of Veterans Affairs, so that the person is
18 permanently or temporarily nonambulatory person may hunt from ~~said~~
19 motor-driven land or water conveyances ~~with written permission of if~~
20 issued a permit from the Director of Wildlife Conservation. The fee
21 for the permit shall not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) and the
22 permit shall be valid for five (5) years.

23 F. A person may hunt from an air conveyance if issued a permit
24 pursuant to Section ~~4~~ 4-107.2 of this ~~act~~ title.

1 G. Nothing in this section shall prevent the use of motor-
2 driven land or water conveyances for following dogs in the act of
3 hunting, when use is restricted to public roads or waterways.
4 Motor-driven land or water conveyances may be used on private
5 property for following dogs in the act of hunting with the
6 permission of the landowner or occupant.

7 ~~E.~~ H. Employees of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
8 Food, and Forestry Wildlife Services Division and the United States
9 Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services while engaged in
10 wildlife management activities for the protection of agriculture,
11 property, human health and safety and natural resources shall be
12 exempt from the provisions of this section.

13 ~~F.~~ I. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this
14 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a
15 fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for a
16 first offense and not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a
17 second offense or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less
18 than ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year, or by confiscation
19 pursuant to Section 5-402 of this title or by such fine,
20 imprisonment and confiscation.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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