

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2029

By: Cornwell

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8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.
10 2011, Section 4-136, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
11 134, O.S.L. 2016 (29 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 4-136),
12 which relates to special use permits; creating
13 certain special use permits on private land for
14 nonprofit events; exempting certain permit holders
15 from certain hunting and fishing licenses;
16 establishing fee; defining term; directing the
17 Department of Wildlife Conservation to promulgate
18 certain rules; and providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-136, as
21 amended by Section 1, Chapter 134, O.S.L. 2016 (29 O.S. Supp. 2018,
22 Section 4-136), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 4-136. A. The Wildlife Conservation Commission may
24 establish an annual special use permit which would be required of
all persons who hunt or fish or otherwise use private lands leased
and administered by the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The
Department shall not require a special use permit for persons

1 traveling through such private land in a motor vehicle, unless the
2 person is also involved in hunting or fishing or other use of the
3 private land for which a special permit is required.

4 B. The Commission may establish a three-day special use permit
5 which would allow residents to use the private land administered by
6 the Department of Wildlife Conservation for nonhunting- or
7 nonfishing-related activities for up to three (3) consecutive days.

8 ~~B.~~ C. The Commission may establish and assess a fee for ~~an~~
9 ~~annual resident and nonresident special use permit or a three day~~
10 ~~resident special use permit to use the private land leased and~~
11 ~~administered by the Department. The fees from permits purchased~~
12 ~~pursuant to the provisions~~ subsections A and B of this section which
13 shall be expended by the Department exclusively for lease payments
14 and for developing, managing, preserving, and protecting wildlife
15 and wildlife habitat on the private land leased and administered by
16 the Department.

17 D. The Commission shall establish a three-day special use
18 permit to be purchased by a landowner with tracts of land of three
19 hundred (300) acres or more for the purpose of hosting or
20 accommodating a nonprofit event. The special use permit would allow
21 residents and nonresidents to hunt and fish on a specific piece of
22 private land with three hundred (300) acres or more with permission
23 of the landowner for up to three (3) consecutive days. The permit
24 shall exempt individuals from any other hunting or fishing license

1 or permit requirements only for the three (3) days and on the land
2 for which the permit was issued. The Commission may establish and
3 assess a fee for permits purchased pursuant to this subsection that
4 shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). As used in this
5 subsection, "nonprofit event" shall mean an event or special
6 occurrence held, organized or coordinated by a private, nonprofit
7 entity, organization or association that occurs only within the
8 three (3) days and on the land for which the permit was issued. The
9 Commission shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement the
10 provisions of this subsection.

11 ~~C.~~ E. Legal residents of Oklahoma who are under eighteen (18)
12 years of age on the first day of the current calendar year or are
13 sixty-four (64) years of age or older shall be exempt from the
14 permit requirements of this section.

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

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, dated 02/14/2019 - DO
18 PASS, As Amended.

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