

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2031

By: Cornwell of the House

3 and

4 Murdock of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.
8 2011, Sections 4-101, as amended by Section 1,
9 Chapter 341, O.S.L. 2013, 4-113.1 and 4-114, as
10 amended by Section 1, Chapter 112, O.S.L. 2014 (29
11 O.S. Supp. 2018, Sections 4-101 and 4-114), which
12 relate to licenses and permits; modifying reference
13 to certain replacement licenses and permits; reducing
14 fee for certain replacement licenses and permits; and
15 providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-101, as
18 amended by Section 1, Chapter 341, O.S.L. 2013 (29 O.S. Supp. 2018,
19 Section 4-101), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 4-101. A. All licenses and permits issued by the
21 Director of Wildlife Conservation, the Department of Wildlife
22 Conservation or by any of its agents shall be used only in
23 conformity with the provisions of this title and the rules
24 promulgated by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.

B. All persons making application for any licenses required by
this section shall produce a valid license to operate a motor

1 vehicle or other positive proof of identification, age and
2 residency, and any such license issued shall show such data as well
3 as the date and time of issuance.

4 C. All licenses are nontransferable. No person shall alter,
5 change, lend or transfer any license. No person shall use or borrow
6 a license which has not been issued to that person by the Director,
7 the Department or by any of its agents pursuant to the provisions of
8 this section.

9 D. No person may engage in activities requiring a license
10 without that person's carrying such license on their person and
11 producing the same for an inspection upon the demand of any Oklahoma
12 citizen or game warden.

13 E. Any person required to produce a license must also identify
14 themselves as the person to whom such license was issued, and
15 failure or refusal to comply shall be deemed prima facie evidence of
16 a violation of this section.

17 F. Unless otherwise provided in ~~this~~ the Oklahoma Wildlife
18 Conservation Code:

19 1. Hunting licenses issued pursuant to paragraph 1 of
20 subsection C and paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection E of Section 4-112
21 of this title and paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection B of Section 4-
22 113 of this title shall expire on December 31 of the year issued.
23 Hunting licenses issued pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection C and
24 paragraphs 2 and 4 of subsection E of Section 4-112 of this title

1 and paragraphs 2 and 4 of subsection B of Section 4-113 of this
2 title shall expire on June 30 of the fiscal year issued. All other
3 licenses shall terminate December 31 for the year issued; and

4 2. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of
5 this title may have any or all licenses held by that person or the
6 privilege of applying for, purchasing or exercising the benefits
7 conferred by the licenses revoked by the Department in accordance
8 with rules promulgated by the Commission or by a court of competent
9 jurisdiction for a period of not less than one (1) year. For
10 purposes of this paragraph, a court conviction, a plea of guilty, a
11 plea of nolo contendere, the imposition of a deferred or suspended
12 sentence by a court, or forfeiture of bond shall be deemed a
13 conviction.

14 G. Should any license or permit issued pursuant to Part 1 of
15 Article IV of this title be lost or destroyed, ~~duplicates~~
16 replacements will be issued by the Department at a fee of One Dollar
17 and fifty cents (\$1.50).

18 H. Upon harvesting any whitetail or mule deer, or any other
19 wildlife where the hunter, according to Commission rules, is
20 required to check the wildlife in at a Department check station, the
21 taker of the wildlife shall:

22 1. Securely attach the name of the taker, time of harvest, date
23 of harvest and license number to the carcass of the wildlife;

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1 2. Check in the carcass of the wildlife electronically using
2 the online check station provided on the official website of the
3 Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or as prescribed by
4 rule of the Commission, within twenty-four (24) hours of leaving the
5 hunt area and in all cases prior to processing the carcass; and

6 3. Not remove evidence of the sex of the animal until after the
7 carcass of the animal has been checked in.

8 I. It shall be unlawful for any license or permit holder to
9 knowingly make a false statement or give false information to any
10 authorized hunter check station or to an authorized Department
11 employee when complying with the provisions of subsection H of this
12 section. Information which may be collected at a Department check
13 station shall include but not be limited to the name, address,
14 license or permit number and signature of the taker, the date, time,
15 county, method or weapon of the kill, sex and weight of carcass,
16 whether or not the animal was taken on public hunting land and if so
17 in what area, or any other information which may be required by the
18 Commission.

19 J. 1. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this
20 section or of making a false statement or giving any false
21 information in order to acquire any license or permit, pursuant to
22 the provisions of this section, shall be punishable by a fine of not
23 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Hundred
24 Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a

1 period not to exceed ten (10) days, or by both such fine and
2 imprisonment. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent
3 violation of the provisions of this section or of making a false
4 statement or giving any false information in order to acquire any
5 license or permit, pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall
6 be punishable by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars
7 (\$250.00) nor more than Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), or by
8 imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed ten (10)
9 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

10 2. Any hunting or fishing license issued to a person by the
11 Department of Wildlife Conservation shall be automatically revoked
12 upon conviction of the person of violating the provisions of this
13 section. The revocation shall be for a period set by the court of
14 not less than one (1) year nor more than ten (10) years. If the
15 court does not set a period, the revocation shall be for one (1)
16 year from the date of the conviction. During this period of
17 revocation, the Department shall not issue the person a hunting or
18 fishing license. If the court does not set a revocation period, the
19 Department shall not issue that person a license within one (1) year
20 of the conviction of the person pursuant to this section. A person
21 who has a license or permit revoked pursuant to this section shall
22 surrender the revoked license or permit to the court. The court
23 shall send the Department of Wildlife Conservation the revoked
24 license and a copy of the judgment of conviction. For purposes of

1 this section, "conviction" shall include a plea of guilty or nolo
2 contendere to an offense or the imposition of deferred adjudication
3 for an offense.

4 K. Any person who has had their license privileges revoked
5 shall not be entitled to purchase, apply for, or exercise the
6 benefits conferred by any license until the revocation period has
7 expired or the person has obtained approval from the Director. Any
8 person violating the provisions of this subsection, upon conviction,
9 shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars
10 (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in a county jail for a term of not
11 more than ninety (90) days or by both the fine and imprisonment.
12 Upon conviction under this subsection, the previously granted
13 license revocation period shall be extended by two (2) additional
14 years.

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-113.1, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 4-113.1 A. All legal residents who have resided in the
18 state for at least six (6) months may purchase five-year fishing
19 licenses, five-year hunting licenses or five-year combination
20 hunting/fishing licenses from the State Wildlife Conservation
21 Director.

22 B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

23 1. Five-year fishing license, Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00);
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1 2. Five-year hunting license, Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00);
2 and

3 3. Five-year combination hunting/fishing license, One Hundred
4 Thirty-five Dollars (\$135.00).

5 C. The use of the licenses provided in this section is subject
6 to those restrictions provided by statute and the regulations of the
7 Wildlife Conservation Commission.

8 D. Should any lifetime license be lost or destroyed, a
9 ~~duplicate~~ replacement will be issued by the Department of Wildlife
10 Conservation for a fee of ~~Five Dollars (\$5.00)~~ One Dollar and fifty
11 cents (\$1.50).

12 E. A five-year licensee shall not lose the privileges of such
13 license by a subsequent transfer of residency.

14 F. 1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to subsection B
15 of this section, a person purchasing a five-year fishing, hunting or
16 combination license shall be required to purchase a five-year
17 Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp. Each person shall have the stamp in
18 their possession while hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife.
19 The fee for the five-year Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp shall be
20 Twelve Dollars (\$12.00). The fee for the stamp shall be distributed
21 as follows:

22 a. Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each stamp shall be
23 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created
24 in Section 4-141 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

1 to be used to retire the obligations and related
2 expenses as authorized pursuant to Section 168.9 of
3 Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes or to purchase,
4 lease, or purchase easements on real property to be
5 used as public hunting, fishing, and trapping areas,
6 and

7 b. Two Dollars (\$2.00) from each stamp shall be deposited
8 in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created in Section
9 4-141 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to be used
10 by the Commission for management of the real property
11 acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the
12 Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the
13 Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.

14 2. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
15 prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the
16 five-year Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp.

17 3. Within one (1) year of the final retirement, redemption, or
18 defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to Section 168.9 of
19 Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the five-year Oklahoma Wildlife
20 Land Stamp and five-year Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee
21 requirements provided for in this subsection shall terminate.

22 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-114, as
23 amended by Section 1, Chapter 112, O.S.L. 2014 (29 O.S. Supp. 2018,
24 Section 4-114), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 4-114. A. All legal residents who have resided in the
2 state for at least six (6) months and intend to remain residents may
3 purchase lifetime fishing licenses, lifetime hunting licenses or
4 lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses from the State
5 Wildlife Conservation Director.

6 B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

- 7 1. Lifetime fishing license, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00);
- 8 2. Lifetime hunting license, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00);
- 9 3. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, Seven
10 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00);
- 11 4. Senior citizen lifetime hunting license for persons sixty-
12 five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00);
- 13 5. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons sixty-
14 five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and
- 15 6. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing
16 license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Twenty-
17 five Dollars (\$25.00).

18 C. Legal resident having proper certification from the United
19 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor certifying
20 that the person is a disabled veteran may purchase a disability
21 lifetime combination hunting and fishing license from the State
22 Wildlife Conservation Director. The fees for the license shall be
23 as follows:

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1 1. Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for veterans having a
2 disability of less than sixty percent (60%); and

3 2. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for veterans having a
4 disability of sixty percent (60%) or more.

5 D. The use of the licenses provided in this section are subject
6 to those restrictions provided by statute and the regulations of the
7 Wildlife Conservation Commission. Except as otherwise provided for
8 in this section, each lifetime hunting license issued pursuant to
9 subsections B and C of this section shall be in lieu of all annual
10 hunting licenses and all special season permits.

11 E. Should any lifetime license be lost or destroyed, a
12 ~~duplicate replacement~~ will be issued by the Department of Wildlife
13 Conservation for a fee of ~~Ten Dollars (\$10.00)~~ One Dollar and fifty
14 cents (\$1.50).

15 F. A lifetime licensee shall not lose the privileges of such
16 license by a subsequent transfer of residency.

17 G. 1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to paragraphs 1
18 through 3 of subsection B of this section, a person purchasing a
19 lifetime fishing, hunting or combination license, excluding a senior
20 citizen lifetime hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing
21 license issued pursuant to paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of
22 this section and a disability lifetime combination hunting and
23 fishing license issued pursuant to subsection C of this section,
24 shall be required to purchase a Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land

1 Stamp. Each person shall have the stamp in their possession while
2 hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife. The fee for the Lifetime
3 Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).
4 The fee for the stamp shall be distributed as follows:

5 a. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) from each stamp shall be
6 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created
7 in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used to retire
8 the obligations and related expenses as authorized
9 pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma
10 Statutes or to purchase, lease, or purchase easements
11 on real property to be used as public hunting,
12 fishing, and trapping areas, and

13 b. Five Dollars (\$5.00) from each stamp shall be
14 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created
15 in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used by the
16 Commission for management of the real property
17 acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the
18 Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the
19 Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.

20 2. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
21 prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the
22 Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp.

23 3. Within one (1) year of the final retirement, redemption, or
24 defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to Section 168.9 of

1 Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife
2 Land Stamp and Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee
3 requirements provided for in this subsection shall terminate.

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

9 I. The fee for a lifetime fishing license, a lifetime hunting
10 license, or a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license
11 issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 3 of subsection B of this
12 section for a legal resident under eighteen (18) years of age may be
13 paid for by installments not to exceed a three-year period of time
14 and in a manner determined by the Director. The lifetime license
15 shall not be issued and become valid until full payment is received
16 by the Department of Wildlife Conservation. If the entire amount of
17 the license fee is not received within three (3) years from the date
18 the application for installment payments is submitted to the
19 Department, all funds received shall be forfeited and shall not be
20 refunded.

21 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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