

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2858

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.  
8 2011, Sections 4-110, as last amended by Section 2,  
Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2017 and 4-112, as last amended  
9 by Section 3, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 2017 (29 O.S. Supp.  
2020, Sections 4-110 and 4-112), which relate to  
10 hunting and fishing licenses; creating state-employee  
discount for hunting and fishing licenses; and  
11 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-110, as  
15 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2017 (29 O.S. Supp.  
16 2020, Section 4-110), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 4-110. A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma  
18 Wildlife Conservation Code, no person shall fish, pursue, harass,  
19 catch, kill, take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or  
20 transport all or any portion of fish without having first procured a  
21 license for such from the Director or from any of the authorized  
22 agents of the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Wildlife  
23 Conservation Commission may designate two (2) days per year in which  
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1 residents and nonresidents may fish without first procuring a  
2 fishing license pursuant to the provisions of this section.

3 B. The following legal residents of Oklahoma shall be exempt  
4 from the annual fishing license requirements of subsection C of this  
5 section and the following nonresidents shall be exempt from the  
6 annual nonresident fishing licenses required pursuant to subsection  
7 E of this section:

8 1. Legal residents under sixteen (16) years of age and  
9 nonresidents under sixteen (16) years of age from states which do  
10 not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons under sixteen  
11 (16) years of age;

12 2. Legal residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older and  
13 nonresidents sixty-five (65) years of age or older from states which  
14 do not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons sixty-five  
15 (65) years of age or older, provided a legal resident has obtained a  
16 senior citizen lifetime fishing or combination hunting and fishing  
17 license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-114 of this title;

18 3. Legal residents born on or before January 1, 1923;

19 4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent  
20 (60%) or more and registered with the veterans registry created by  
21 the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the  
22 veteran has previously received an exemption pursuant to this  
23 paragraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be  
24 required. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall

1 promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this  
2 paragraph;

3 5. Legal resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents,  
4 grandparents, children and their spouses, grandchildren and their  
5 spouses who fish in private ponds on land owned or leased by them;

6 6. Any legal resident or nonresident who is a patient of an  
7 institution of the State of Oklahoma established for the care and  
8 treatment of mental illness or alcohol or drug dependency or any  
9 developmentally disabled person residing in any group home or other  
10 institution or developmentally disabled persons when accompanied by  
11 an attendant of the institution or legal guardian of the patient, or  
12 when fishing on institutional property;

13 7. Any legal resident or nonresident under eighteen (18) years  
14 of age who is in the legal and physical custody of the State of  
15 Oklahoma or one of its agencies by court order;

16 8. Any legal resident or nonresident under eighteen (18) years  
17 of age who is in the physical custody of a child care facility as  
18 defined by Section 402 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

19 9. Any legal resident or nonresident who is legally blind or  
20 who has any other physical impairment, as certified by a physician  
21 licensed in this state or any state which borders this state, which  
22 prevents the person from properly using fishing apparatus without  
23 the assistance of another person, and any one person actually  
24 accompanying and actually assisting such legally blind or otherwise

1 physically impaired person while the latter is fishing. This  
2 certification shall be carried by the individual while fishing;

3 10. Nonresidents under fourteen (14) years of age;

4 11. Any legal resident or nonresident who is a Job Corps  
5 trainee of this state, provided that the trainees shall have on  
6 their persons a duly authorized identification card issued by their  
7 respective Job Corps Center and shall present the card upon request,  
8 in lieu of a fishing license. The trainees shall return their cards  
9 to their respective Job Corps Center when the trainees leave their  
10 respective Job Corps training programs;

11 12. Any legal resident having a proven disability which renders  
12 the resident nonambulatory and confined to a wheelchair as certified  
13 by a physician licensed in this state or any state which borders  
14 this state;

15 13. Any legal resident who is fishing with a pole and line,  
16 trotline, or throwline in streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and  
17 mine pits in the county in which the person is a resident, or in  
18 streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and mine pits which form a  
19 part of the boundary line of the county in which the person is a  
20 resident, when using any bait other than commercial or artificial  
21 bait, blood, stink bait, cut fish, and shrimp; and

22 14. Any legal resident or nonresident participating in an  
23 aquatic education event or clinic sanctioned by the Department of  
24 Wildlife Conservation.

1 C. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife  
2 Conservation Code, the resident fishing licenses issued pursuant to  
3 the provisions of this section and the fee for each shall be:

4 1. Annual fishing license for legal residents eighteen (18)  
5 years of age and older - Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00);

6 2. Annual fishing license for legal residents sixteen (16) or  
7 seventeen (17) years of age - Four Dollars (\$4.00); and

8 3. Two-day fishing license for legal residents - Fourteen  
9 Dollars (\$14.00).

10 D. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of  
11 paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection C of this section, Five Dollars  
12 (\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land  
13 Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund  
14 created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.

15 E. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife  
16 Conservation Code, the nonresident fishing licenses issued pursuant  
17 to the provisions of this section and the fee for each shall be:

18 1. Annual fishing license for nonresidents - Fifty-four Dollars  
19 (\$54.00), provided the Commission may enter into reciprocity  
20 agreements with states wherein nonresident license fees shall be in  
21 conformity with such reciprocal agreements;

22 2. Six-day fishing license for nonresidents - Thirty-four  
23 Dollars (\$34.00); and  
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1           3. One-day fishing license for nonresidents - Fourteen Dollars  
2 (\$14.00).

3           F. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of  
4 paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection E of this section, Five Dollars  
5 (\$5.00) of the annual license fee for nonresidents, One Dollar and  
6 fifty cents (\$1.50) of the six-day fishing license for nonresidents  
7 fee and One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of the one-day fishing  
8 license for nonresidents fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land  
9 Acquisition Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132  
10 of this title. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of  
11 paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection E of this section, Five Dollars  
12 (\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land  
13 Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund  
14 created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.

15           G. Legal residents who have resided in this state for at least  
16 six (6) months and who are receiving Social Security Disability  
17 benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits, disability benefits  
18 under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A., Section 231a, postal  
19 employees receiving disability benefits pursuant to 5 U.S.C.,  
20 Section 8451 (1998) or legal residents who are one hundred percent  
21 (100%) disabled and are receiving disability payments from the  
22 Multiple Injury Trust Fund pursuant to Section 403 of Title 85 of  
23 the Oklahoma Statutes, may purchase a disability fishing license  
24 from the Director for Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for five (5) years.

1 H. 1. Any person arrested while violating the provisions of  
2 this section who does not meet the requirements of subsection K of  
3 this section, may purchase a substitute temporary thirty-day license  
4 from the arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. The fee for  
5 a substitute license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this  
6 subsection shall be:

7 a. for legal residents, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and

8 b. for nonresidents, Ninety Dollars (\$90.00).

9 2. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the fees  
10 from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this  
11 subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to  
12 be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving, and  
13 protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

14 I. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by  
15 subsection H of this section, any resident of this state convicted  
16 of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the  
17 imposition of a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)  
18 nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in  
19 the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by  
20 both said fine and imprisonment.

21 J. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by  
22 subsection H of this section, any nonresident convicted of violating  
23 this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty  
24 Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or by

1 imprisonment in the county jail for a period not more than thirty  
2 (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

3 K. Any person producing proof in court that a current fishing  
4 license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to that  
5 person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be  
6 entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon  
7 payment of court costs. If proof of a current fishing license  
8 issued by the Department to the person that was in force at the time  
9 of the alleged offense is presented to the court or district  
10 attorney within seventy-two (72) hours after the violation, the  
11 charge shall be dismissed without payment of court costs.

12 L. Legal residents of Oklahoma that have at least ten (10)  
13 years of credited service as a state employee shall receive a  
14 thirty-three-percent discount from the fishing license fees provided  
15 in subsection C of this section. Legal residents of Oklahoma that  
16 have at least fifteen (15) years of credited service as a state  
17 employee shall receive a fifty-percent discount from the fishing  
18 license fees provided in subsection C of this section. As used in  
19 this subsection, "state employee" shall mean any person in the  
20 classified, unclassified or exempt service of any Oklahoma state  
21 agency, board or commission. State employee shall include any  
22 person who is an employee of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
23 Education or any institution under the authority of the Oklahoma  
24 State Regents for Higher Education. State employee shall not



1 include any person who is an employee of any school district or  
2 political subdivision of this state.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-112, as  
4 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 2017 (29 O.S. Supp.  
5 2020, Section 4-112), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 4-112. A. Except as otherwise provided for in the  
7 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code or the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae  
8 Act, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill, take or  
9 attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or  
10 transport all or any portion of any wildlife except fish, without  
11 having first procured a license from the Department of Wildlife  
12 Conservation. The Wildlife Conservation Commission shall designate  
13 a consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September of each year as free  
14 hunting days in which residents of this state may hunt without first  
15 procuring a hunting license pursuant to the provisions of this  
16 section.

17 B. The following legal residents of Oklahoma shall be exempt  
18 from the annual hunting license requirement of paragraph 1 of  
19 subsection F of this section and the following nonresidents shall be  
20 exempt from the annual nonresident hunting licenses required  
21 pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section:

- 22 1. Legal residents under sixteen (16) years of age;
- 23 2. Legal residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older  
24 provided they have obtained a senior citizen lifetime hunting or

1 combination hunting and fishing license pursuant to the provisions  
2 of Section 4-114 of this title;

3 3. Legal residents born on or before January 1, 1923;

4 4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent  
5 (60%) or more;

6 5. Legal resident owners or tenants who hunt on land owned or  
7 leased by them;

8 6. Any nonresident under fourteen (14) years of age;

9 7. Legal residents having a proven disability which renders  
10 them nonambulatory and confines them to a wheelchair, as certified  
11 by a physician licensed in this state or in any state which borders  
12 this state;

13 8. Any legal resident or nonresident under eighteen (18) years  
14 of age who is in the physical custody of a child care facility as  
15 defined by Section 402 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

16 9. Any legal resident or nonresident hunting, pursuing,  
17 trapping, harassing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to  
18 take in any manner any species of rattlesnake during an organized  
19 rattlesnake-hunting event or festival and who has a rattlesnake  
20 permit issued pursuant to Section 4-143 of this title.

21 C. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife  
22 Conservation Code, the nonresident hunting licenses issued pursuant  
23 to this section and the fee for each license shall be:

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1           1. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other  
2 than deer, antelope, elk or bear which expires on December 31 of the  
3 year purchased - One Hundred Forty-one Dollars (\$141.00).

4 Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big game and upland game  
5 or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be required to  
6 have this license;

7           2. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other  
8 than deer, antelope, elk or bear which expires on June 30 of the  
9 fiscal year purchased - One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00).

10 Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big game and upland game  
11 or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be required to  
12 have this license;

13           3. Gun hunting license for deer:

14           a. during deer gun seasons occurring prior to January 16,  
15                 2021, for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years of  
16                 age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one  
17                 antlerless deer allowed during the current calendar  
18                 year deer gun season - Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),

19           b. during deer gun seasons occurring prior to January 16,  
20                 2021, for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years of  
21                 age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one  
22                 antlered or antlerless deer allowed during the current  
23                 calendar year deer gun season - Ninety-nine Dollars  
24                 (\$99.00),

1 c. during deer gun seasons occurring prior to January 16,  
2 2021, for nonresidents which shall be valid for  
3 hunting all deer allowed during the current calendar  
4 year deer gun season - Two Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars  
5 (\$299.00), and

6 d. during any deer gun season occurring on or after  
7 January 16, 2021, for nonresidents which shall be  
8 valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current  
9 calendar year deer gun season - Two Hundred Seventy-  
10 nine Dollars (\$279.00);

11 4. Archery hunting license for deer for nonresidents which  
12 shall expire on January 15 of the calendar year after the year  
13 purchased or, if purchased during the deer archery season, it shall  
14 expire at the end of that deer archery season:

15 a. during deer archery seasons occurring prior to January  
16 16, 2021, for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years  
17 of age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one  
18 antlerless deer allowed during the current deer  
19 archery season - Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),

20 b. during deer archery seasons occurring prior to January  
21 16, 2021, for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years  
22 of age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one  
23 antlered or antlerless deer allowed during the current  
24 deer archery season - Ninety-nine Dollars (\$99.00),

- 1 c. during deer archery seasons occurring prior to January  
2 16, 2021, for nonresidents which shall be valid for  
3 hunting all deer allowed during the current deer  
4 archery season - Two Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars  
5 (\$299.00), and
- 6 d. during any deer archery season occurring on or after  
7 January 16, 2021, for nonresidents which shall be  
8 valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current  
9 deer archery season - Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars  
10 (\$279.00);

11 5. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for:

- 12 a. during deer primitive firearms seasons occurring prior  
13 to January 16, 2021, for youth nonresidents seventeen  
14 (17) years of age or younger which shall be valid for  
15 hunting one antlerless deer allowed during the current  
16 calendar year deer primitive firearms season - Thirty  
17 Dollars (\$30.00),
- 18 b. during deer primitive firearms seasons occurring prior  
19 to January 16, 2021, for youth nonresidents seventeen  
20 (17) years of age or younger which shall be valid for  
21 hunting one antlered or antlerless deer allowed during  
22 the current calendar year deer primitive firearms  
23 season - Ninety-nine Dollars (\$99.00),  
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- 1 c. during deer primitive firearms seasons occurring prior  
2 to January 16, 2021, for nonresidents which shall be  
3 valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current  
4 calendar year deer primitive firearms season - Two  
5 Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$299.00), and  
6 d. during any deer primitive firearms season occurring on  
7 or after January 16, 2021, for nonresidents which  
8 shall be valid for hunting all deer allowed during the  
9 current calendar year deer primitive firearms season -  
10 Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$279.00);

11 6. Hunting license for antelope for nonresidents - Three  
12 Hundred Five Dollars (\$305.00);

13 7. Hunting license for elk for nonresidents - Three Hundred  
14 Five Dollars (\$305.00);

15 8. Five-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other  
16 than deer, antelope, elk, quail, turkey or bear - Seventy-four  
17 Dollars (\$74.00). Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big  
18 game and upland game or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area  
19 shall be required to have this license; and

20 9. Ten-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting small game  
21 in a commercial hunting area - Five Dollars (\$5.00).

22 D. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall provide a  
23 report to both the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the  
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1 of 2019 and

1 2020 setting forth information regarding licenses issued pursuant to  
2 paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of subsection C of this section, which shall  
3 include, but not be limited to:

4 1. The number of licenses issued during the most recent  
5 respective deer hunting seasons; and

6 2. A fiscal analysis comparing revenue generated from the fees  
7 of the licenses issued during the most recent respective deer  
8 hunting seasons compared to previous years and whether the deer  
9 hunting license structure is beneficial to the Department.

10 E. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of  
11 subsection C of this section:

12 1. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee of each license  
13 issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 7 of subsection C of this  
14 section and Two Dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) of the license fee  
15 for each license issued pursuant to paragraph 8 of subsection C of  
16 this section shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition  
17 Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this  
18 title; and

19 2. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for each license  
20 issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 8 of subsection C of this  
21 section shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be  
22 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the  
23 provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.

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1 F. Except as otherwise provided, the resident hunting licenses  
2 issued pursuant to this section and the fee for each license shall  
3 be:

4 1. Annual hunting license for residents eighteen (18) years of  
5 age and older which expires on December 31 of the year purchased -  
6 Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00);

7 2. Annual hunting license for residents eighteen (18) years of  
8 age and older which expires on June 30 of the fiscal year purchased  
9 - Thirty-one Dollars (\$31.00);

10 3. Annual hunting license for residents sixteen (16) or  
11 seventeen (17) years of age which expires on December 31 of the year  
12 purchased - Four Dollars (\$4.00);

13 4. Annual hunting license for residents sixteen (16) or  
14 seventeen (17) years of age which expires on June 30 of the fiscal  
15 year purchased - Six Dollars (\$6.00);

16 5. Ten-day hunting license for residents for small game in a  
17 commercial hunting area - Five Dollars (\$5.00);

18 6. Five-year disability hunting license for residents of this  
19 state for at least six (6) months who are receiving Social Security  
20 Disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits or  
21 disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A.,  
22 Section 231a, or residents who are one-hundred-percent disabled and  
23 are receiving disability payments from the Multiple Injury Trust  
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1 Fund pursuant to Section 31 of Title 85A of the Oklahoma Statutes -  
2 Ten Dollars (\$10.00);

3 7. Gun hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18)  
4 years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following  
5 persons shall be exempt:

6 a. residents with proper certification from the United  
7 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
8 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
9 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
10 percent rate, and

11 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
12 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

13 8. Gun hunting license for deer for residents under eighteen  
14 (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);

15 9. Archery hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18)  
16 years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following  
17 persons shall be exempt:

18 a. residents with proper certification from the United  
19 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
20 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
21 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
22 percent rate, and

23 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
24 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

1       10. Archery hunting license for deer for residents under  
2 eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);

3       11. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents  
4 eighteen (18) years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00).

5 The following persons shall be exempt:

6           a. residents with proper certification from the United  
7 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
8 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
9 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
10 percent rate, and

11           b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
12 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

13       12. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents  
14 under eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);

15       13. Hunting license for elk for residents - Fifty Dollars  
16 (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and  
17 upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this  
18 license;

19       14. Hunting license for antelope for residents - Fifty Dollars  
20 (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and  
21 upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this  
22 license; and

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1 15. Bonus, special or additional gun hunting license for deer  
2 for residents - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following persons  
3 shall be exempt:

4 a. residents with proper certification from the United  
5 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
6 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
7 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
8 percent rate, and

9 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
10 and upland game commercial hunting areas.

11 G. Residents hunting big game, combination big game and upland  
12 game or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be  
13 required to have one of the following licenses:

14 1. An annual hunting license issued pursuant to paragraph 1, 2,  
15 3 or 4 of subsection F of this section;

16 2. An annual hunting and fishing combination license issued  
17 pursuant to Section 4-113 of this title;

18 3. A five-year hunting license or five-year combination hunting  
19 and fishing license issued pursuant to Section 4-113.1 of this  
20 title; or

21 4. A lifetime hunting license or lifetime combination hunting  
22 and fishing license issued pursuant to Section 4-114 of this title.

23 H. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of  
24 paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection F of this section, Five Dollars

1 (\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land  
2 Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund  
3 created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.

4 I. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to  
5 require a hunting license, resident or nonresident, of any person  
6 merely because the person participates, as owner or handler of an  
7 entry, as an official, or as a spectator in the conduct of a field  
8 trial or performance test of dogs, whether a resident or nonresident  
9 of the State of Oklahoma. No license to hunt shall be required of  
10 any person engaged in training or working dogs, provided that person  
11 is in no way engaged in hunting and does not take or attempt to take  
12 in any manner any game.

13 J. 1. Any person arrested for hunting game other than deer,  
14 antelope, elk, bear or turkey without a valid hunting license as  
15 required by the provisions of subsection A of this section may  
16 purchase a substitute temporary thirty-day license from the  
17 arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. Proof of hunter  
18 safety certification will not be required for the temporary  
19 substitute license. The fee for a substitute license purchased  
20 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be:

- 21 a. for legal residents, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
- 22 b. for nonresidents, One Hundred Forty-five Dollars  
23 (\$145.00).

1        2. Except as otherwise provided for by this subsection, the  
2 fees from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this  
3 subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to  
4 be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving, and  
5 protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

6        K. Any person producing proof in court that a current hunting  
7 license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to that  
8 person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be  
9 entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon  
10 payment of court costs. If proof of a current hunting license  
11 issued by the Department to the person that was in force at the time  
12 of the alleged offense is presented to the court or district  
13 attorney within seventy-two (72) hours after the violation, the  
14 charge shall be dismissed without payment of court costs.

15        L. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by  
16 subsection J of this section, any resident convicted of violating  
17 the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition  
18 of a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more  
19 than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or by imprisonment in the county  
20 jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both.

21        M. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by  
22 subsection J of this section, any nonresident convicted of violating  
23 the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition  
24 of a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more

1 than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the  
2 county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both.

3 N. Legal residents of Oklahoma that have at least ten (10)  
4 years of credited service as a state employee shall receive a  
5 thirty-three-percent discount from the hunting license fees provided  
6 in subsection F of this section. Legal residents of Oklahoma that  
7 have at least fifteen (15) years of credited service as a state  
8 employee shall receive a fifty-percent discount from the hunting  
9 license fees provided in subsection F of this section. As used in  
10 this subsection, "state employee" shall mean any person in the  
11 classified, unclassified or exempt service of any Oklahoma state  
12 agency, board or commission. State employee shall include any  
13 person who is an employee of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher  
14 Education or any institution under the authority of the Oklahoma  
15 State Regents for Higher Education. State employee shall not  
16 include any person who is an employee of any school district or  
17 political subdivision of this state.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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