

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 4086

By: Wallace of the House

and

**Green** of the Senate

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10                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11                   An Act relating to wildlife; increasing certain ages  
12                   for certain exemptions; requiring certain licenses at  
13                   certain ages; creating certain licenses for specific  
                  residencies; determining price of certain licenses;  
                  and providing an effective date.

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

17                   SECTION 1.           AMENDATORY           29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-130, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19                   A.   Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife  
20 Conservation Code, no person may hunt or take any waterfowl during  
21 the open season on waterfowl unless the person has first obtained an  
22 Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license from the Director or  
23 authorized agents of the Director. Each person shall have the stamp  
24 or license in their possession when hunting or taking any waterfowl.

1 When a stamp is purchased, the stamp shall be validated by the  
2 signature of the licensee written across the face of the stamp.

3 B. Persons excepted from the Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp  
4 or license requirement of this section are:

5 1. Legal residents of Oklahoma under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18)  
6 years of age; and

7 2. Legal residents of Oklahoma sixty-five (65) years of age or  
8 older.

9 C. ~~1.~~ The Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp fee and waterfowl  
10 license shall each be ~~Nine Dollars (\$9.00)~~. ~~The remainder of the~~  
11 ~~fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used~~  
12 ~~exclusively in the State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing,~~  
13 ~~managing, preserving, restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and~~  
14 ~~for the conservation and management of waterfowl and ecologically~~  
15 ~~related species~~ be for:

16 1. Residents eighteen (18) years of age or older - Twenty  
17 Dollars (\$20.00); and

18 2. Nonresidents eighteen (18) years of age or older - Thirty  
19 Dollars (\$30.00).

20 ~~2.~~ D. 1. The collection and remittance procedures applicable  
21 to hunting license fees under this title shall apply to waterfowl  
22 stamp or license fees.

23 ~~3.~~ 2. The waterfowl stamp or license issued pursuant to this  
24 section shall expire on June 30 of each year.

1       ~~D.~~ E. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission may  
2 prescribe, by regulation, the form, design and manner of issuance,  
3 if any, of the waterfowl stamp, which could include the selection of  
4 art for such stamp from an art contest regulated by the Commission.

5       ~~E.~~ F. 1. Any person arrested for hunting or taking any  
6 waterfowl during the open season on waterfowl without a valid  
7 Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license as required by the  
8 provisions of subsection A of this section may purchase a substitute  
9 temporary thirty-day stamp or license from the arresting game warden  
10 in lieu of posting bond. Proof of hunter safety certification shall  
11 not be required for the temporary substitute stamp or license. The  
12 fee for a substitute stamp or license purchased pursuant to the  
13 provisions of this subsection shall be:

- 14           a. for legal residents - Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
- 15           b. for nonresidents - One Hundred Forty-five Dollars  
16               (\$145.00).

17       2. The fees from the temporary stamp and license purchased  
18 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in  
19 the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used exclusively in the State  
20 of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing, managing, preserving,  
21 restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and for the conservation  
22 and management of waterfowl and ecologically related species.

1        ~~F.~~ G. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions  
2 of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-  
3 five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

4        ~~G.~~ H. Nothing in this title shall prohibit a person from  
5 hunting waterfowl exclusively on their own property without an  
6 Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license.

7        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 2024.

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9        COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
10 02/27/2024 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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