

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1694

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to fish and wildlife; amending 29
8 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as last amended by Section
9 3, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 2017, which relates to hunting
10 license; removing seasonal conditions for nonresident
11 hunters under eighteen; removing certain fees;
12 modifying certain fee; and providing an effective
13 date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as
16 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 2017, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 Section 4-112. A. Except as otherwise provided for in the
19 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code or the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae
20 Act, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill, take or
21 attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or
22 transport all or any portion of any wildlife except fish, without
23 having first procured a license from the Department of Wildlife
24 Conservation. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
25 designate a consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September of each

1 year as free hunting days in which residents of this state may hunt
2 without first procuring a hunting license pursuant to the provisions
3 of this section.

4 B. The following legal residents of Oklahoma shall be exempt
5 from the annual hunting license requirement of paragraph 1 of
6 subsection F of this section and the following nonresidents shall be
7 exempt from the annual nonresident hunting licenses required
8 pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section:

9 1. Legal residents under sixteen (16) years of age;

10 2. Legal residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older
11 provided they have obtained a senior citizen lifetime hunting or
12 combination hunting and fishing license pursuant to the provisions
13 of Section 4-114 of this title;

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

15 4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent
16 (60%) or more;

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

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

20 7. Legal residents having a proven disability which renders
21 them nonambulatory and confines them to a wheelchair, as certified
22 by a physician licensed in this state or in any state which borders
23 this state;

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

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

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

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

15 Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big game and upland game
16 or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be required to
17 have this license;

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

21 Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big game and upland game
22 or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be required to
23 have this license;

24 3. Gun hunting license for deer÷
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1 a. ~~during deer gun seasons occurring prior to January 16,~~
2 ~~2021,~~ for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years of
3 age or younger ~~which shall be valid for hunting one~~
4 ~~antlerless deer allowed during the current calendar~~
5 ~~year deer gun season - Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),~~

6 b. ~~during deer gun seasons occurring prior to January 16,~~
7 ~~2021,~~ for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years of
8 age or younger ~~which shall be valid for hunting one~~
9 ~~antlered or antlerless deer allowed during the current~~
10 ~~calendar year deer gun season - Ninety nine Dollars~~
11 ~~(\$99.00),~~

12 c. ~~during deer gun seasons occurring prior to January 16,~~
13 ~~2021,~~ for nonresidents ~~which shall be valid for~~
14 ~~hunting all deer allowed during the current calendar~~
15 ~~year deer gun season - Two Hundred Ninety nine Dollars~~
16 ~~(\$299.00), and~~

17 d. ~~during any deer gun season occurring on or after~~
18 ~~January 16, 2021,~~ for nonresidents ~~which shall be~~
19 ~~valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current~~
20 ~~calendar year deer gun season - Two Hundred Seventy-~~
21 ~~nine Dollars (\$279.00) Thirty Dollars (\$30.00);~~

22 4. Archery hunting license for deer ~~for nonresidents which~~
23 ~~shall expire on January 15 of the calendar year after the year~~
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1 ~~purchased or, if purchased during the deer archery season, it shall~~
2 ~~expire at the end of that deer archery season:~~

3 ~~a. during deer archery seasons occurring prior to January~~
4 ~~16, 2021, for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years~~
5 ~~of age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one~~
6 ~~antlerless deer allowed during the current deer~~
7 ~~archery season - Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),~~

8 ~~b. during deer archery seasons occurring prior to January~~
9 ~~16, 2021, for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years~~
10 ~~of age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one~~
11 ~~antlered or antlerless deer allowed during the current~~
12 ~~deer archery season - Ninety-nine Dollars (\$99.00),~~

13 ~~c. during deer archery seasons occurring prior to January~~
14 ~~16, 2021, for nonresidents which shall be valid for~~
15 ~~hunting all deer allowed during the current deer~~
16 ~~archery season - Two Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars~~
17 ~~(\$299.00), and~~

18 ~~d. during any deer archery season occurring on or after~~
19 ~~January 16, 2021, for nonresidents which shall be~~
20 ~~valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current~~
21 ~~deer archery season - Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars~~
22 ~~(\$279.00) Thirty Dollars (\$30.00);~~

23 5. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for~~+~~

1 a. ~~during deer primitive firearms seasons occurring prior~~
2 ~~to January 16, 2021, for youth nonresidents seventeen~~
3 ~~(17) years of age or younger which shall be valid for~~
4 ~~hunting one antlerless deer allowed during the current~~
5 ~~calendar year deer primitive firearms season - Thirty~~
6 ~~Dollars (\$30.00),~~

7 b. ~~during deer primitive firearms seasons occurring prior~~
8 ~~to January 16, 2021, for youth nonresidents seventeen~~
9 ~~(17) years of age or younger which shall be valid for~~
10 ~~hunting one antlered or antlerless deer allowed during~~
11 ~~the current calendar year deer primitive firearms~~
12 ~~season - Ninety-nine Dollars (\$99.00),~~

13 c. ~~during deer primitive firearms seasons occurring prior~~
14 ~~to January 16, 2021, for nonresidents which shall be~~
15 ~~valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current~~
16 ~~calendar year deer primitive firearms season - Two~~
17 ~~Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$299.00), and~~

18 d. ~~during any deer primitive firearms season occurring on~~
19 ~~or after January 16, 2021, for nonresidents which~~
20 ~~shall be valid for hunting all deer allowed during the~~
21 ~~current calendar year deer primitive firearms season -~~
22 ~~Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$279.00) Thirty~~
23 ~~Dollars (\$30.00);~~

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

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

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

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

12 D. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall provide a
13 report to both the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1 of 2019 and
15 2020 setting forth information regarding licenses issued pursuant to
16 paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of subsection C of this section, which shall
17 include, but not be limited to:

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

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

1 E. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of
2 subsection C of this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game
2 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

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

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

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

13 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game
14 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

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

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

19 The following persons shall be exempt:

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

1 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game
2 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

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

5 13. Hunting license for elk for residents - Fifty Dollars
6 (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and
7 upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this
8 license;

9 14. Hunting license for antelope for residents - Fifty Dollars
10 (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and
11 upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this
12 license; and

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

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

21 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game
22 and upland game commercial hunting areas.

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

4 1. An annual hunting license issued pursuant to paragraph 1, 2,
5 3 or 4 of subsection F of this section;

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

8 3. A five-year hunting license or five-year combination hunting
9 and fishing license issued pursuant to Section 4-113.1 of this
10 title; or

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

13 H. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of
14 paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection F of this section, Five Dollars
15 (\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land
16 Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund
17 created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.

18 I. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to
19 require a hunting license, resident or nonresident, of any person
20 merely because the person participates, as owner or handler of an
21 entry, as an official, or as a spectator in the conduct of a field
22 trial or performance test of dogs, whether a resident or nonresident
23 of the State of Oklahoma. No license to hunt shall be required of
24 any person engaged in training or working dogs, provided that person

1 is in no way engaged in hunting and does not take or attempt to take
2 in any manner any game.

3 J. 1. Any person arrested for hunting game other than deer,
4 antelope, elk, bear or turkey without a valid hunting license as
5 required by the provisions of subsection A of this section may
6 purchase a substitute temporary thirty-day license from the
7 arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. Proof of hunter
8 safety certification will not be required for the temporary
9 substitute license. The fee for a substitute license purchased
10 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be:

- 11 a. for legal residents, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
- 12 b. for nonresidents, One Hundred Forty-five Dollars
13 (\$145.00).

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

19 K. Any person producing proof in court that a current hunting
20 license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to that
21 person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be
22 entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon
23 payment of court costs. If proof of a current hunting license
24 issued by the Department to the person that was in force at the time

1 of the alleged offense is presented to the court or district
2 attorney within seventy-two (72) hours after the violation, the
3 charge shall be dismissed without payment of court costs.

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

10 M. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by
11 subsection J of this section, any nonresident convicted of violating
12 the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition
13 of a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more
14 than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the
15 county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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