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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to fish and wildlife; providing certain exception requiring licensing for persons hunting, fishing, taking, or transporting wildlife; requiring the Commission to promulgate any rule necessary to implement wildlife licensing; providing for licensing for persons breeding, possessing or raising wildlife commercially and noncommercially; allowing for Commission to promulgate rules necessary to implement breeding licensing; providing certain penalties; providing for licensing for persons breeding wildlife for personal consumption, noncommercial purposes; or for scientific purposes; requiring the Commission to promulgate rules; allowing for Commission to promulgate any rule necessary to implement fishing licenses and fees; removing fee structure for temporary substitute licensing; allowing for Commission to determine fee for substitute licenses; increasing minimum fines; authorizing Commission to determine fees for hunting; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-101, which relates to license usage; clarifying language; modifying persons who may request the production of a license for inspection; removing certain hunting license expiration dates; allowing for duplicate license fees to be determined by the Commission; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-110, which relates to fishing licenses; removing certain licensing exemptions for residents and nonresidents; removing resident and nonresident licensing and fees for fishing; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 2017, which relates to hunting licenses; removing resident and nonresident licensing for hunting; allowing for Commission to promulgate any rule necessary to implement hunting licenses and fees; removing fee structure for

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substitute license; allowing for Commission to determine fee for substitute licenses; increasing minimum fine; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-132, which relates to the Wildlife Habitat Stamp and Wildlife Land Acquisition Fund; removing Oklahoma Wildlife Habitat Stamp; allowing for the promulgation of rules; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-134, which relates to Wildlife Heritage Fund; removing exception for certain monies deposited into fund; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-141, which relates to the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund; removing exception for certain monies deposited into fund; modifying source of funds; modifying expenditure of certain funds; repealing 29 O.S. 2021, Sections 4-103, 4-103A, 4-103B, 4-104, 4-104A, 4-105, 4-106, 4-107, 4-108, 4-108A, 4-109, 4-111, 4-112, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 2017, 4-113, 4-113A, 4-113.1, 4-113.2, 4-114, 4-115, 4-116, 4-117, 4-118, 4-119, 4-120, 4-121, 4-122, 4-123, 4-124, 4-128, 4-128.1, 4-129, 4-130, 4-135.1, 4-136, 4-138, 4-140, 4-143, 4-144, and 5-203, which relate to wildlife licensing; providing for codification; and providing effective dates.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-101A of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife
Conservation Code, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch,
kill, take, or attempt to take in any manner, use, have in
possession, sell, or transport all or any portion of any wildlife,
including fish, or enter any lawn owned, leased, or managed by the
Department of Wildlife Conservation. Each person shall have the
license, permit, or stamp in their possession when hunting, fishing,

taking, or transporting wildlife, and/or when entering any land owned, leased, or managed by the Department.

- B. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall prescribe by rule, the form, type, design, manner of issuance, the fee for these licenses, permits, and stamps, and any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section; provided, that the Commission shall offer, but not limited to, a three-sixty-five-day hunting and fishing license.
- discounts, sales, or exemptions to any license, permit, and stamp.

 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

The Commission may by rule or resolution designate

- in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-102A of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife
 Conservation Code or the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act, no person may
 breed, possess, or raise, sell, buy, transport out of state, export,
 take, accompany, transport, outfit, guide, or aid persons in taking
 for commercial purposes any wildlife including fish without having
 first procured a license for such purposes from the Director of the
 Department of Wildlife Conservation pursuant to the rules
 promulgated by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.
- B. The Commission shall prescribe by rule the form, type design manner of issuance, the fee for these licenses, permits, and stamp, and any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

- 2. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by confiscation of gear, or by a combination of fine, imprisonment, and confiscation.
- SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-107A of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife

 Conservation Code or in the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act, no person

 may breed or raise wildlife for personal consumption or

 noncommercial purposes, or kill or capture wildlife, or take their

 nests or eggs for scientific purposes without having first procured

 a license from the Director of the Department Wildlife Conservation.
- B. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall prescribe by rule the form, type, design, manner of issuance, the fee for these licenses, permits, and stamps, and any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

C. 1. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall have their noncommercial license revoked and forfeit the privileges provided by the license. No new license shall be issued for a period of at least six (6) months from and after the date on which the revocation order became effective.

- 2. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).
- SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-110A of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall prescribe, by administrative rule the form, type, design, manner or issuance and fee for fishing licenses.
- SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-112A of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall prescribe, by administrative rule the form, type, design, manner of issuance, and fee for hunting licenses.
- SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-101, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 4-101. A. All licenses and permits issued by the Director of Wildlife Conservation, the Department of Wildlife

Conservation or by any of its agents shall be used only in conformity with the provisions of this title and the rules 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 vehicle or other positive proof of identification, age and residency, and any such license issued shall show such data as well as the date and time of issuance.
- C. All licenses are nontransferable. No person shall alter, change, lend or transfer any license. No person shall use or borrow a license which has not been issued to that person by the Director, the Department or by any of its agents pursuant to the provisions of this section.
- D. No person may engage in activities requiring a license without that person's carrying such license on their person and producing the same for an inspection upon the demand request of any Oklahoma citizen or game warden.
- E. Any person required to produce a license must also identify themselves as the person to whom such license was issued, and failure or refusal to comply shall be deemed prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.
 - F. Unless otherwise provided in this Code:
- 23 1. Hunting licenses issued pursuant to paragraph 1 of
 24 subsection C and paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection E of Section 4-112

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of this title and paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection B of Section 4113 of this title shall expire on December 31 of the year issued.

Hunting licenses issued pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection C and paragraphs 2 and 4 of subsection E of Section 4-112 of this title and paragraphs 2 and 4 of subsection B of Section 4-113 of this title shall expire on June 30 of the fiscal year issued. All other licenses shall terminate December 31 for the year issued; and

- 2. Any, any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this title may have any or all licenses held by that person or the privilege of applying for, purchasing or exercising the benefits conferred by the licenses revoked by the Department in accordance with rules promulgated by the Commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction for a period of not less than one (1) year. For purposes of this paragraph, a court conviction, a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere, the imposition of a deferred or suspended sentence by a court, or forfeiture of bond shall be deemed a conviction.
- G. Should any license or permit issued pursuant to Part 1 of Article IV of this title be lost or destroyed, duplicates will be issued by the Department at a fee of One Dollar and fifty cents

 (\$1.50) determined by the Commission.
- H. Upon harvesting any whitetail or mule deer, or any other wildlife where the hunter, according to Commission rules, is

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required to check the wildlife in at a Department check station, the taker of the wildlife shall:

- 1. Securely attach the name of the taker, time of harvest, date of harvest and license number to the carcass of the wildlife;
- 2. Check in the carcass of the wildlife electronically using the online check station provided on the official website of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation or as prescribed by rule of the Commission, within twenty-four (24) hours of leaving the hunt area and in all cases prior to processing the carcass; and
- 3. Not remove evidence of the sex of the animal until after the carcass of the animal has been checked in.
- I. It shall be unlawful for any license or permit holder to knowingly make a false statement or give false information to any authorized hunter check station or to an authorized Department employee when complying with the provisions of subsection H of this section. Information which may be collected at a Department check station shall include but not be limited to the name, address, license or permit number and signature of the taker, the date, time, county, method or weapon of the kill, sex and weight of carcass, whether or not the animal was taken on public hunting land and if so in what area, or any other information which may be required by the Commission.
- J. 1. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section or of making a false statement or giving any false

information in order to acquire any license or permit, pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed ten (10) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this section or of making a false statement or giving any false information in order to acquire any license or permit, pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed ten (10) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

2. Any hunting or fishing license issued to a person by the Department of Wildlife Conservation shall be automatically revoked upon conviction of the person of violating the provisions of this section. The revocation shall be for a period set by the court of not less than one (1) year nor more than ten (10) years. If the court does not set a period, the revocation shall be for one (1) year from the date of the conviction. During this period of revocation, the Department shall not issue the person a hunting or fishing license. If the court does not set a revocation period, the Department shall not issue that person a license within one (1) year of the conviction of the person pursuant to this section. A person

who has a license or permit revoked pursuant to this section shall surrender the revoked license or permit to the court, or the court may order the defendant to surrender the license or permit directly to an officer from the Department of Wildlife Conservation present at the hearing. If the license or permit is surrendered to the court, the court shall send the Department of Wildlife Conservation the revoked license. The court shall also send the Department a copy of the judgment of conviction. For purposes of this section, "conviction" shall include a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to an offense or the imposition of deferred adjudication for an offense. In lieu of sending a paper copy of the documents and information required by this subsection, the court clerk may transmit the conviction information by using an electronic method authorized by the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

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

license revocation period shall be extended by two (2) additional years.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-110, is amended to read as follows:

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

- B. The following legal residents of Oklahoma shall be exempt

 from the annual fishing license requirements of subsection C of this

 section and the following nonresidents shall be exempt from the

 annual nonresident fishing licenses required pursuant to subsection

 E of this section:
- 1. Legal residents under sixteen (16) years of age and
 nonresidents under sixteen (16) years of age from states which do
 not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons under sixteen
 (16) years of age;
- 2. Legal residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older and nonresidents sixty-five (65) years of age or older from states which

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do not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons sixty-five

(65) years of age or older, provided a legal resident has obtained a

senior citizen lifetime fishing or combination hunting and fishing

license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-114 of this title;

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

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

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

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

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

- 8. Any legal resident or nonresident under eighteen (18) years of age who is in the physical custody of a child care facility as defined by Section 402 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 9. Any legal resident or nonresident who is legally blind or who has any other physical impairment, as certified by a physician licensed in this state or any state which borders this state, which prevents the person from properly using fishing apparatus without the assistance of another person, and any one person actually accompanying and actually assisting such legally blind or otherwise physically impaired person while the latter is fishing. This certification shall be carried by the individual while fishing;
 - 10. Nonresidents under fourteen (14) years of age;
- trainee of this state, provided that the trainees shall have on their persons a duly authorized identification card issued by their respective Job Corps Center and shall present the card upon request, in lieu of a fishing license. The trainees shall return their cards to their respective Job Corps Center when the trainees leave their respective Job Corps training programs;
- 12. Any legal resident having a proven disability which renders the resident nonambulatory and confined to a wheelchair as certified

by a physician licensed in this state or any state which borders this state;

- 13. Any legal resident who is fishing with a pole and line, trotline, or throwline in streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and mine pits in the county in which the person is a resident, or in streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and mine pits which form a part of the boundary line of the county in which the person is a resident, when using any bait other than commercial or artificial bait, blood, stink bait, cut fish, and shrimp; and
- 14. Any legal resident or nonresident participating in an aquatic education event or clinic sanctioned by the Department of Wildlife Conservation.
- C. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife

 Conservation Code, the resident fishing licenses issued pursuant to

 the provisions of this section and the fee for each shall be:
- 1. Annual fishing license for legal residents eighteen (18)

 years of age and older Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00);
- 2. Annual fishing license for legal residents sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age Four Dollars (\$4.00); and
- 3. Two-day fishing license for legal residents Fourteen

 Dollars (\$14.00).
- D. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection C of this section, Five Dollars

 (\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land

Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.

- E. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife

 Conservation Code, the nonresident fishing licenses issued pursuant

 to the provisions of this section and the fee for each shall be:
- 1. Annual fishing license for nonresidents Fifty-four Dollars (\$54.00), provided the Commission may enter into reciprocity agreements with states wherein nonresident license fees shall be in conformity with such reciprocal agreements;
- 2. Six-day fishing license for nonresidents Thirty-four Dollars (\$34.00); and
- 3. One-day fishing license for nonresidents Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00).
- F. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection E of this section, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the annual license fee for nonresidents, One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of the six-day fishing license for nonresidents fee and One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of the one-day fishing license for nonresidents fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this title. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection E of this section, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land

Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.

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

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The Commission shall prescribe by rule the form, type, design,
manner of issuance, the fee for these licenses, permits, and stamps,
and any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

 $\underline{\text{C.}}$ Any person arrested while violating the provisions of this section who does not meet the requirements of subsection $\underline{\text{K}}$ $\underline{\text{F}}$ of this section, may purchase a substitute temporary thirty-day license from the arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. The fee for a substitute license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be:

a. for legal residents, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and b. for nonresidents, Ninety Dollars (\$90.00).

2. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the fees
from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this
subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to
be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving, and
protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat The Commission shall by
rule determine the fee for a substitute license.

 \pm D. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by subsection \pm C of this section, any resident of this state convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than \pm Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than \pm Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both said fine and imprisonment.

J. E. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by subsection # C. of this section, any nonresident convicted of violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

K. F. Any person producing proof in court that a current fishing license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to that person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be

entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon payment of court costs. If proof of a current fishing license issued by the Department to the person that was in force at the time of the alleged offense is presented to the court or district attorney within seventy-two (72) hours after the violation, the charge shall be dismissed without payment of court costs.

- G. The Commission shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 353, O.S.L. 2017, is amended to read as follows:
- Section 4-112. A. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code or the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae Act, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill, take or attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or transport all or any portion of any wildlife except fish, without having first procured a license from the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Wildlife Conservation Commission shall designate a consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September of each year as free hunting days in which residents of this state may hunt without first procuring a hunting license pursuant to the provisions of this section Section 2 of this act.
- B. The following legal residents of Oklahoma shall be exempt from the annual hunting license requirement of paragraph 1 of

subsection F of this section and the following nonresidents shall be exempt from the annual nonresident hunting licenses required pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section:

- 1. Legal residents under sixteen (16) years of age;
- 2. Legal residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older provided they have obtained a senior citizen lifetime hunting or combination hunting and fishing license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-114 of this title;
 - 3. Legal residents born on or before January 1, 1923;
- 4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent (60%) or more;
- 5. Legal resident owners or tenants who hunt on land owned or leased by them;
 - 6. Any nonresident under fourteen (14) years of age;
- 7. Legal residents having a proven disability which renders
 them nonambulatory and confines them to a wheelchair, as certified
 by a physician licensed in this state or in any state which borders
 this state;
- 8. Any legal resident or nonresident under eighteen (18) years of age who is in the physical custody of a child care facility as defined by Section 402 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and
- 9. Any legal resident or nonresident hunting, pursuing, trapping, harassing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to take in any manner any species of rattlesnake during an organized

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rattlesnake-hunting event or festival and who has a rattlesnake permit issued pursuant to Section 4-143 of this title.

- C. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife
 Conservation Code, the nonresident hunting licenses issued pursuant
 to this section and the fee for each license shall be:
- 1. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other than deer, antelope, elk or bear which expires on December 31 of the year purchased One Hundred Forty-one Dollars (\$141.00).

 Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big game and upland game or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be required to have this license;
- 2. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other than deer, antelope, elk or bear which expires on June 30 of the fiscal year purchased One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00).

 Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big game and upland game or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be required to have this license;
 - 3. Gun hunting license for deer:
 - a. during deer gun seasons occurring prior to January 16,

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 age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one

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 year deer gun season Thirty Dollars (\$30.00),

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- c. during deer gun seasons occurring prior to January 16,

 2021, for nonresidents which shall be valid for

 hunting all deer allowed during the current calendar

 year deer gun season Two Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars

 (\$299.00), and
- d. during any deer gun season occurring on or after

 January 16, 2021, for nonresidents which shall be

 valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current

 calendar year deer gun season Two Hundred Seventy
 nine Dollars (\$279.00);
- 4. Archery hunting license for deer for nonresidents which shall expire on January 15 of the calendar year after the year purchased or, if purchased during the deer archery season, it shall expire at the end of that deer archery season:
 - a. during deer archery seasons occurring prior to January

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- b. during deer archery seasons occurring prior to January

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 of age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one

 antlered or antlerless deer allowed during the current

 deer archery season Ninety-nine Dollars (\$99.00),
- c. during deer archery seasons occurring prior to January

 16, 2021, for nonresidents which shall be valid for

 hunting all deer allowed during the current deer

 archery season Two Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars

 (\$299.00), and
- d. during any deer archery season occurring on or after

 January 16, 2021, for nonresidents which shall be

 valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current

 deer archery season Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars

 (\$279.00);
- 5. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for:
 - a. during deer primitive firearms seasons occurring prior

 to January 16, 2021, for youth nonresidents seventeen

 (17) years of age or younger which shall be valid for

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- b. during deer primitive firearms seasons occurring prior to January 16, 2021, for youth nonresidents seventeen (17) years of age or younger which shall be valid for hunting one antlered or antlerless deer allowed during the current calendar year deer primitive firearms season - Ninety-nine Dollars (\$99.00),
- c. during deer primitive firearms seasons occurring prior
 to January 16, 2021, for nonresidents which shall be
 valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current
 calendar year deer primitive firearms season Two
 Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$299.00), and
- d. during any deer primitive firearms season occurring on or after January 16, 2021, for nonresidents which shall be valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current calendar year deer primitive firearms season— Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$279.00);
- 6. Hunting license for antelope for nonresidents Three Hundred Five Dollars (\$305.00);
- 7. Hunting license for elk for nonresidents Three Hundred
 Five Dollars (\$305.00);
- 8. Five-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other than deer, antelope, elk, quail, turkey or bear Seventy-four

 Dollars (\$74.00). Nonresidents hunting big game, combination big

game and upland game or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be required to have this license; and

- 9. Ten-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting small game in a commercial hunting area Five Dollars (\$5.00).
- D. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall provide a report to both the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1 of 2019 and 2020 setting forth information regarding licenses issued pursuant to paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of subsection C of this section, which shall include, but not be limited to:
- 1. The number of licenses issued during the most recent respective deer hunting seasons; and
- 2. A fiscal analysis comparing revenue generated from the fees of the licenses issued during the most recent respective deer hunting seasons compared to previous years and whether the deer hunting license structure is beneficial to the Department.
- E. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of subsection C of this section:
- 1. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee of each license issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 7 of subsection C of this section and Two Dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) of the license fee for each license issued pursuant to paragraph 8 of subsection C of this section shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition

1 Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this 2 title; and 3 2. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for each license 4 issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 8 of subsection C of this 5 section shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be 6 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the 7 provisions of Section 4-141 of this title. 8 F. Except as otherwise provided, the resident hunting licenses 9 issued pursuant to this section and the fee for each license shall 10 be: 11 1. Annual hunting license for residents eighteen (18) years of 12 age and older which expires on December 31 of the year purchased -13 Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00); 14 2. Annual hunting license for residents eighteen (18) years of 15 age and older which expires on June 30 of the fiscal year purchased 16 - Thirty-one Dollars (\$31.00); 17 3. Annual hunting license for residents sixteen (16) or 18 seventeen (17) years of age which expires on December 31 of the year 19 purchased - Four Dollars (\$4.00); 20 4. Annual hunting license for residents sixteen (16) or 21 seventeen (17) years of age which expires on June 30 of the fiscal 22 year purchased - Six Dollars (\$6.00); 23 5. Ten-day hunting license for residents for small game in a 24 commercial hunting area - Five Dollars (\$5.00);

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

- 7. Gun hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18)
 years of age or older Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following
 persons shall be exempt:
 - a. residents with proper certification from the United

 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its

 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled

 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred
 percent rate, and
 - b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game and upland game commercial hunting areas;
- 8. Gun hunting license for deer for residents under eighteen
 (18) years of age Nine Dollars (\$9.00);
- 9. Archery hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18)
 years of age or older Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following
 persons shall be exempt:

1	a. residents with proper certification from the United
2	States Department of Veterans Affairs or its
3	successor, certifying that the person is a disabled
4	veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-
5	percent rate, and
6	b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game
7	and upland game commercial hunting areas;
8	10. Archery hunting license for deer for residents under
9	eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);
10	11. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents
11	eighteen (18) years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00).
12	The following persons shall be exempt:
13	a. residents with proper certification from the United
14	States Department of Veterans Affairs or its
15	successor, certifying that the person is a disabled
16	veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-
17	percent rate, and
18	b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game
19	and upland game commercial hunting areas;
20	12. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents
21	under eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);
22	13. Hunting license for elk for residents - Fifty Dollars
23	(\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and
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1	upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this
2	license;
3	14. Hunting license for antelope for residents - Fifty Dollars
4	(\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and
5	upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this
6	license; and
7	15. Bonus, special or additional gun hunting license for deer
8	for residents - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following persons
9	shall be exempt:
10	a. residents with proper certification from the United
11	States Department of Veterans Affairs or its
12	successor, certifying that the person is a disabled
13	veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-
14	percent rate, and
15	b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game
16	and upland game commercial hunting areas.
17	G. Residents hunting big game, combination big game and upland
18	game or exotic wildlife in a commercial hunting area shall be
19	required to have one of the following licenses:
20	1. An annual hunting license issued pursuant to paragraph 1, 2,
21	3 or 4 of subsection F of this section;
22	2. An annual hunting and fishing combination license issued
23	pursuant to Section 4-113 of this title;
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3. A five-year hunting license or five-year combination hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to Section 4-113.1 of this title; or

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

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

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

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The Commission shall prescribe by rule the form, type, design,
manner of issuance, the fee for these licenses, permits, and stamps,
and any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

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

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

for nonresidents, One Hundred Forty-five Dollars

(\$145.00).

2. Except as otherwise provided for by this subsection, the fees from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving, and protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat The Commission shall by rule determine the fee for a substitute license.

K. D. Any person producing proof in court that a current hunting license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to that person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon payment of court costs. If proof of a current hunting license issued by the Department to the person that was in force at the time of the alleged offense is presented to the court or district

attorney within seventy-two (72) hours after the violation, the charge shall be dismissed without payment of court costs.

 $\pm \cdot \cdot \cdot = \cdot$ Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by subsection $\pm \cdot \cdot = \cdot \cdot$ of this section, any resident convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than $\pm \cdot \cdot = \cdot \cdot \cdot = \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot = \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot = \cdot = \cdot \cdot = \cdot \cdot = \cdot = \cdot \cdot = \cdot =$

M. F. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by subsection $\frac{1}{2}$ C of this section, any nonresident convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both.

- G. The Commission shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-132, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-132. A. The Department of Wildlife Conservation is hereby authorized to issue an Oklahoma Wildlife Habitat Stamp to any person upon the voluntary payment of a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

Said fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition Fund created in subsection C of this section.

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B. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall promulgate rules specifying the form, design, and manner of issuance of said wildlife habitat stamp.

C. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission to be designated the "Wildlife Land Acquisition Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received pursuant to the provisions of this section by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission deposited by the Commission. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to invest all or part of the monies of said the fund in any investment permitted by a written investment policy adopted by the Wildlife Conservation Commission; provided, all investments shall be made in accordance with the Oklahoma Uniform Prudent Investor Act. Any interest or dividends accruing from such investments shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition Fund. All monies accruing to the credit of said the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission for the purposes specified in subsection $\frac{1}{2}$ B of this section. Any monies withdrawn from $\frac{1}{2}$ the fund by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission for investment pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to be for the purposes

specified in subsection $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ of this section. Expenditures from said $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

D. B. The Wildlife Land Acquisition Fund shall be used by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission for the acquisition on a willing-seller willing-buyer basis only, leasing, taking of easements, development, management, and enhancement of lands acquired pursuant to this section for the following purposes:

- 1. Management of game animals, protected animals and birds, furbearing animals, game birds, fish, and their restoration, propagation, and protection; and
- 2. Creation and management of public hunting, fishing, and trapping areas as places where the public may hunt, fish, or trap as authorized by law.

E. C. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission may accept private contributions, grants, and donations made for the purposes of this section. Any monies received pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition Fund created in subsection C of this section. Any property received pursuant to this subsection which is not suitable for the purposes of this section may be sold by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission

and the proceeds from such sales shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition Fund created in subsection \in A of this section.

F. D. Whenever the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission acquires title to land pursuant to this section, the Commission shall annually make in lieu of tax payments equal to the average ad valorem tax per acre paid on similar land in that county. Said The payments shall be made to the county treasurer of the county in which the land is located.

E. The Commission shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-134, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-134. A. There is hereby created in the State

Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation

Commission to be designated the "Wildlife Heritage Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received from senior citizen

lifetime licenses issued pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of Section 4-114 of this title by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission deposited by the Commission. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to invest all or part of the monies of said the fund in any investment permitted by a written investment policy adopted by the Wildlife Conservation Commission; provided, all investments

shall be made in accordance with the Oklahoma Uniform Prudent

Investor Act. Any interest or dividends accruing from such
investments shall be deposited in the Wildlife Heritage Fund. Only
interest and dividends derived from the principle can be expended
and are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission for the purposes specified
in subsection B of this section. Any monies withdrawn from said the
fund by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission for investment
pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed to be for the purposes
specified in subsection B of this section. Expenditures from said
the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
payment.

- B. The Wildlife Heritage Fund shall be used by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission for the acquisition of land on a willing-seller willing-buyer basis only, leasing of land, and the taking of easements, and for the development, management, and enhancement of such lands acquired pursuant to this section for the following purposes:
- 1. Management of game animals, protected animals and birds, furbearing animals, game birds, fish, and their restoration, propagation, and protection; and

2. Creation and management of public hunting, fishing, and trapping areas as places where the public may hunt, fish, or trap as authorized by law.

- C. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission may accept private contributions, grants, and donations made for the purposes of this section. Any monies received pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Heritage Fund created in subsection A of this section. Any property received pursuant to this subsection which is not suitable for the purposes of this section may be sold by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission and the proceeds from such sales shall be deposited in the Wildlife Heritage Fund created in subsection A of this section.
- D. Whenever the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission acquires title to land pursuant to this section, the Commission shall annually make in lieu of tax payments equal to the average ad valorem tax per acre paid on similar land in that county. Said payments shall be made to the county treasurer of the county in which the land is located to be distributed by said county treasurer in the manner provided for by law for ad valorem tax payments.

SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-141, is amended to read as follows:

fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4-110, 4-112 and 4-113 of this title from fees for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and required to be deposited in the fund, subsection G of Section 4-114 of this title from fees for the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and required to be deposited in the fund and any other monies received from fees for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and required to be deposited in the fund and stamp and required to be deposited in the fund deposited by the Commission. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and shall be expended by the Commission as follows exclusively to:

- 1. An amount equal to Four Dollars (\$4.00) per stamp to be used to retire Retire the obligations and related expenses as authorized pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes or to purchase, lease, or purchase easements on real property to be used as public hunting, fishing, and trapping areas; and
- 2. An amount equal to fifty cents (\$0.50) per stamp to be Be used by the Commission for management of the real property acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.
- B. The Commission shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 12. REPEALER 29 O.S. 2021, Sections 4-103, 4-103A, 4-103B, 4-104A, 4-105, 4-106, 4-107, 4-108A, 4-108A, 4-

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    109, 4-111, 4-112, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 229, O.S.L.
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