

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 448

By: Hamilton

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to wildlife; amending 29 O.S. 2021, Section 7-304, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 19, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 7-304), which relates to wildlife refuges and Wildlife Management Areas; requiring nonresident hunters to receive permission from the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission to use certain areas; authorizing the Commission to create certain system for permitting; providing for promulgation of rules; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 7-304, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 19, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 7-304), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-304. A. Except as otherwise provided by law, no person may enter upon any state or federal wildlife refuge or Wildlife Management Area with a dog, a gun, or a bow.

B. Exceptions to the above provisions are when the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission and/or the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission may by resolution permit:

1 1. The holding of field trials by duly authorized sportsmen's
2 clubs; or

3 2. Such hunting, killing, or trapping of wildlife from such
4 refuge or Wildlife Management Area; provided, however, that Lake
5 Murray State Park shall not be utilized for the killing or trapping
6 of natural wildlife and shall remain a wildlife preserve.

7 C. 1. Upon authorization for the hunting, killing, or trapping
8 of wildlife from any state or federal wildlife refuge or Wildlife
9 Management Area by either the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation
10 Commission and/or the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission
11 pursuant to subsection B of this section, the Oklahoma Wildlife
12 Conservation Commission shall require nonresidents to schedule with
13 the Department of Wildlife Conservation in order to receive written
14 authorization to use such refuge or Wildlife Management Area.

15 2. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall create a
16 lottery system as needed for the distribution of permits authorizing
17 nonresidents to hunt, kill, or trap wildlife from such refuge or
18 Wildlife Management Area.

19 3. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
20 promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this
21 section.

22 D. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this
23 section shall be punished by a fine ~~of~~ not less than One Hundred
24 Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or

1 by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten (10) days
2 nor more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and
3 imprisonment for the first violation. A subsequent violation shall
4 result in the suspension of privileges to hunt, kill, or trap within
5 such refuge or Wildlife Management Area.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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