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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 941

By: Bullard, Burns, Dugger,
Pemberton, Stephens,
Garvin, and Pederson of the
Senate

7 and

8 Burns, **Cornwell, Talley,**
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13 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

14 [fish and wildlife - report - licenses - fees -
15 certificate - stamp - passport - exemption -
16 repealer - effective date -

17 emergency]

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 3-103, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 3-103. A. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation
24 Commission shall constitute an advisory, administrative and

1 policymaking board for the protection, restoration, perpetuation,
2 conservation, supervision, maintenance, enhancement, and management
3 of wildlife in this state as provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife
4 Conservation Code.

5 B. The Director shall consult with the Commission regarding the
6 administration of the affairs of the Department of Wildlife
7 Conservation. The Commission is authorized and empowered to require
8 from the Director complete reports and information relative to the
9 affairs of the Department at the time and in the manner the
10 Commission may deem advisable.

11 C. The Commission shall meet in regular session at least nine
12 times per year not to exceed one meeting per month with not more
13 than two consecutive calendar months between meetings and in special
14 sessions as may be called by the Chair or a majority of the
15 Commission. The Commission may hold any regular or special session
16 at any location within this state. Should a location be chosen
17 other than Commission headquarters in Oklahoma City for a regular or
18 special meeting, notice shall be posted at Commission headquarters
19 in Oklahoma City and advertised in the local newspaper of the city
20 in which the meeting is to be held, at least one time during each of
21 the two (2) weeks prior to the meeting. The advertisements shall
22 include time, date, and address of location of the meeting.

23 D. In addition to the other powers and duties prescribed by
24 law, the Commission shall:

- 1 1. Institute an affirmative action plan for hiring women and
2 minorities throughout the agency;
- 3 2. Elect a chair, ~~vice chair~~ vice chair, and secretary, who
4 shall perform the duties required of them by statutes, rules of the
5 Commission, and the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma. The
6 chair, ~~vice chair~~ vice chair, and secretary shall receive no extra
7 compensation;
- 8 3. Appoint a Director, and determine the qualifications of the
9 Director and all assistants and employees. A Commissioner shall not
10 be eligible for employment in any position within the Department;
- 11 4. Prescribe rules and policies for the transaction of its
12 business and the control of the Department;
- 13 5. Develop and implement a plan to provide step raises for
14 Commission employees so that discrepancies of pay levels within a
15 pay grade are eliminated;
- 16 6. Acquire by purchase, lease, gift, or devise, waters, real
17 property, and personal property incident to the exercise of its
18 functions and to maintain, operate, and dispose of the same;
- 19 7. Acquire real property by condemnation only when the Attorney
20 General or other counsel deems it an appropriate means of clearing
21 title from willing or unavailable sellers;
- 22 8. Supervise the establishment, extension, improvement, and
23 operation of the wildlife refuges, propagation areas or stations,
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1 public hunting areas, public fishing areas, game management areas,
2 and fish hatcheries;

3 9. Prescribe the manner of cooperation with the Oklahoma
4 Tourism and Recreation Department, colleges and universities within
5 the state, other state agencies, any agency of the federal
6 government, and any city, town, school district, or any other agency
7 or organization in study of conservation and propagation of wildlife
8 and in the establishment, maintenance, and operation of visual
9 educational facilities, recreational facilities, and hunting and
10 fishing facilities, in the study and propagation of wildlife;

11 10. Supervise the letting of all contracts and purchases for
12 the Department, with all purchases of personal property to be made
13 through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;

14 11. Authorize all claims or expenditures prior to incurring
15 payment except as otherwise provided in this Code;

16 12. Prescribe rules on the use of Department-owned vehicles by
17 the Director, department heads and other essential employees as the
18 Commission deems necessary in order to perform their duties;

19 13. Prescribe rules for the sale of all regular or special
20 licenses;

21 14. Publicize and encourage the conservation and appreciation
22 of wildlife and all other natural resources;

23 15. Regulate the seasons and harvest of wildlife;

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1 16. Promulgate rules to sell fishing and hunting licenses via
2 the Internet;

3 17. Annually report to the Governor and the Legislature on the
4 complete operation, activities, and plans of the Department,
5 together with such recommendations for future activities as the
6 Commission may deem to be in the best interest of the state; and

7 18. Provide the Governor and the Legislature with an annual
8 inventory of all property and equipment.

9 E. Five (5) years after the effective date of this act, and
10 every five (5) years thereafter, the Commission shall prepare a
11 report for the Legislature with proposed licensing fees based on the
12 latest Consumer Price Index year-to-date percent change release as
13 of the date of the annual average county wage data release from the
14 Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce for
15 Legislature approval or rejection.

16 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-110, is
17 amended to read as follows:

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

1 in which residents and nonresidents may fish without first procuring
2 a fishing license pursuant to the provisions of this section.

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

8 1. Legal residents under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of
9 age and nonresidents under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age
10 ~~from states which do not require nonresident fishing licenses for~~
11 ~~persons under sixteen (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.~~ 4. 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.~~ 5. Any legal resident or nonresident who is a patient of an
7 institution of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state established for the
8 care and treatment of mental illness or alcohol or drug dependency
9 or any developmentally disabled person residing in any group home or
10 other institution or developmentally disabled persons when
11 accompanied by an attendant of the institution or legal guardian of
12 the patient, or 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.~~ 6. 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.~~ 7. 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.~~ 8. Any legal resident having a proven disability which
12 renders the resident nonambulatory and confined to a wheelchair as
13 certified by a physician licensed in this state or any state which
14 borders this state;

15 ~~13.~~ 9. 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.~~ 10. 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)~~ Thirty Dollars
6 (\$30.00);

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

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

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

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

19 1. Annual fishing license for nonresidents - ~~Fifty-four Dollars~~
20 ~~(\$54.00)~~ Sixty-five Dollars (\$65.00), provided the Commission may
21 enter into reciprocity agreements with states wherein nonresident
22 license fees shall be in conformity with such reciprocal agreements;

23 2. ~~Six-day fishing license for nonresidents - Thirty-four~~
24 ~~Dollars (\$34.00); and~~

1 3. ~~One day fishing license for nonresidents - Fourteen Dollars~~
2 ~~(\$14.00)~~ Daily fishing license for residents - Ten Dollars (\$10.00);
3 and

4 4. Daily fishing license for nonresidents - Eighteen Dollars
5 (\$18.00).

6 F. ~~Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of~~
7 ~~paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection E of this section, Five Dollars~~
8 ~~(\$5.00) of the annual license fee for nonresidents, One Dollar and~~
9 ~~fifty cents (\$1.50) of the six-day fishing license for nonresidents~~
10 ~~fee and One Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of the one-day fishing~~
11 ~~license for nonresidents fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land~~
12 ~~Acquisition Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132~~
13 ~~of this title. Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of~~
14 ~~paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection E 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 G. D. Legal residents who have resided in this state for at
19 least six (6) months and who are receiving Social Security
20 Disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits,
21 disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A.,
22 Section 231a, postal employees receiving disability benefits
23 pursuant to 5 U.S.C., Section 8451 (1998) or legal residents who are
24 one hundred percent (100%) disabled and are receiving disability

1 payments from the Multiple Injury Trust Fund pursuant to Section ~~403~~
2 31 of Title ~~85~~ 85A of the Oklahoma Statutes, may purchase a five-
3 year disability ~~fishing~~ combination hunting/fishing license from the
4 Director for ~~Ten Dollars (\$10.00)~~ Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for five
5 (5) years.

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

12 a. for legal residents, ~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~ One
13 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and

14 b. for nonresidents, ~~Ninety Dollars (\$90.00)~~ One Hundred
15 Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

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

21 ~~F.~~ F. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for
22 by subsection ~~H~~ E of this section, any resident of this state
23 convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be
24 punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than Twenty-five

1 Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or by
2 imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty
3 (30) days, or by both ~~said~~ such fine and imprisonment.

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

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

19 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as
20 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp.
21 2022, Section 4-112), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 4-112. A. Except as otherwise provided for in the
23 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code or the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae
24 Act, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill, take or

1 attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or
2 transport all or any portion of any wildlife except fish, without
3 having first procured a license from the Department of Wildlife
4 Conservation. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
5 designate a consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September of each
6 year as free hunting days in which residents of this state may hunt
7 without first procuring a hunting license pursuant to the provisions
8 of this section.

9 B. The following legal residents of Oklahoma shall be exempt
10 from the annual hunting license requirement of paragraph 1 of
11 subsection E of this section and the following nonresidents shall be
12 exempt from the annual nonresident hunting licenses required
13 pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section:

14 1. Legal residents under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of
15 age;

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

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

21 4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent
22 (60%) or more and registered with the veterans registry created by
23 the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the
24 veteran has previously received an exemption pursuant to this

1 paragraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be
2 required;

3 ~~5.~~ 4. Legal resident owners or tenants who hunt on land owned
4 or leased by them;

5 ~~6.~~ 5. Any nonresident under ~~fourteen (14)~~ eighteen (18) years
6 of age;

7 ~~7.~~ 6. Legal residents having a proven disability which renders
8 them nonambulatory and confines them to a wheelchair, as certified
9 by a physician licensed in this state or in any state which borders
10 this state;

11 ~~8.~~ 7. Any legal resident or nonresident under eighteen (18)
12 years of age who is in the physical custody of a child care facility
13 as defined by Section 402 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

14 ~~9.~~ 8. Any legal resident or nonresident hunting, pursuing,
15 trapping, harassing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to
16 take in any manner any species of rattlesnake during an organized
17 rattlesnake-hunting event or festival and who has a rattlesnake
18 permit issued pursuant to Section 4-143 of this title.

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

22 1. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting game other
23 than ~~deer,~~ antelope, elk, or bear which expires one (1) year after
24 the date of issuance - ~~One Hundred Seventy five Dollars (\$175.00)~~

1 Two Hundred and eight Dollars (\$208.00). Nonresidents ~~hunting big~~
2 ~~game or combination big game and upland game in a commercial hunting~~
3 ~~area~~ gun hunting for deer, archery hunting for deer, or primitive
4 firearms hunting for deer shall be required to have this license;

5 2. Gun hunting license for deer for nonresidents which shall be
6 valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current calendar year
7 deer gun season - ~~Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$279.00)~~ Two
8 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) in addition to the nonresident
9 annual hunting licensed required in paragraph 1 of this subsection;

10 3. Archery hunting license for deer for nonresidents which
11 shall expire on January 15 of the calendar year after the year
12 purchased or if purchased during the deer archery season it shall
13 expire at the end of that deer archery season - ~~Two Hundred Seventy-~~
14 ~~nine Dollars (\$279.00)~~ Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) in
15 addition to the nonresident annual hunting licensed required in
16 paragraph 1 of this subsection;

17 4. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for nonresidents
18 which shall be valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current
19 calendar year deer primitive firearms season - ~~Two Hundred Seventy-~~
20 ~~nine Dollars (\$279.00)~~ Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) in
21 addition to the nonresident annual hunting licensed required in
22 paragraph 1 of this subsection;

23 5. Hunting license for antelope for nonresidents - Three
24 Hundred Five Dollars (\$305.00);

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

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

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

10 Annual youth hunting license for nonresidents under eighteen
11 (18) years of age, which shall include all species and all seasons
12 for which a hunting license is required - One Hundred Fifty Dollars
13 (\$150.00).

14 D. ~~Of the fees collected pursuant to the provisions of~~
15 ~~subsection C of this section:~~

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

23 2. ~~Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for each license~~
24 ~~issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 8 of subsection C of this~~

1 ~~section shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be~~
2 ~~deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the~~
3 ~~provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.~~

4 The nonresident hunting licenses for hunting in a commercial
5 hunting area issued pursuant to this section and the fee for each
6 license shall be:

7 1. Five-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting big game
8 or combination big game - Seventy-four Dollars (\$74.00);

9 2. Ten-day hunting license for nonresidents hunting small game
10 and upland winged game, excluding wild turkeys - Twenty Dollars
11 (\$20.00); and

12 3. Annual hunting license for nonresidents hunting big game or
13 combination big game - One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00).

14 For the purposes of hunting in a commercial hunting area,
15 nonresidents who acquire a license pursuant to this subsection shall
16 be exempted from licensure requirements in subsection C of this
17 section.

18 E. Except as otherwise provided, the annual resident hunting
19 licenses issued pursuant to this subsection shall expire one (1)
20 year after the date of issuance. The resident hunting licenses
21 issued pursuant to this section and the fee for each license shall
22 be:

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1 1. Annual hunting license for residents eighteen (18) years of
2 age and older - ~~Thirty-one Dollars (\$31.00)~~ Thirty-five Dollars
3 (\$35.00);

4 2. Annual youth hunting license for residents ~~sixteen (16) or~~
5 ~~seventeen (17)~~ under eighteen (18) years of age, which shall include
6 all species and all seasons for which a hunting license is required
7 - ~~Six Dollars (\$6.00)~~ Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00);

8 3. Ten-day hunting license for residents for small game and
9 upland winged game, excluding wild turkeys in a commercial hunting
10 area - ~~Five Dollars (\$5.00)~~ Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

11 4. Five-year disability ~~hunting~~ combination hunting/fishing
12 license for residents for at least six (6) months who are receiving
13 Social Security Disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income
14 benefits or disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act,
15 45 U.S.C.A., Section 231a, or residents who are one-hundred-percent
16 disabled and are receiving disability payments from the Multiple
17 Injury Trust Fund pursuant to Section 31 of Title 85A of the
18 Oklahoma Statutes - ~~Ten Dollars (\$10.00)~~ Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

19 5. Gun hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18)
20 years of age or older, which shall include all deer allowed for
21 harvesting during gun season - ~~Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00)~~ Thirty-five
22 Dollars (\$35.00). The following persons shall be exempt:

- 23 a. residents with proper certification from the United
24 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its

1 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled
2 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-
3 percent rate and registered with the veterans registry
4 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
5 Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously
6 received an exemption pursuant to this subparagraph,
7 no registration with the veterans registry shall be
8 required, and

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

11 ~~6. Gun hunting license for deer for residents under eighteen~~
12 ~~(18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);~~

13 ~~7. Archery hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18)~~
14 ~~years of age or older, which shall include all deer allowed for~~
15 ~~harvesting during archery season - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00) Thirty-~~
16 ~~five Dollars (\$35.00). The following persons shall be exempt:~~

17 a. residents with proper certification from the United
18 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its
19 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled
20 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-
21 percent rate and registered with the veterans registry
22 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
23 Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously
24 received the exemption pursuant to this subparagraph,

1 no registration with the veterans registry shall be
2 required, and

3 b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game
4 and upland game commercial hunting areas;

5 ~~8. Archery hunting license for deer for residents under
6 eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);~~

7 9. 7. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents
8 eighteen (18) years of age or older, which shall include all deer
9 allowed for harvesting during primitive firearms season - Nineteen
10 Dollars (\$19.00) Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00). The following

11 persons shall be exempt:

12 a. residents with proper certification from the United
13 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its
14 successor, certifying that the person is a disabled
15 veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-
16 percent rate and registered with the veterans registry
17 created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
18 Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously
19 received the exemption pursuant to this subparagraph,
20 no registration with the veterans registry shall be
21 required, and

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

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

3 ~~11. 8.~~ 8. Hunting license for elk 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 ~~12. 9.~~ 9. Hunting license for antelope for residents - Fifty
8 Dollars (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big
9 game and upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from
10 this license; ~~and~~

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

14 ~~a. residents with proper certification from the United~~
15 ~~States Department of Veterans Affairs or its~~
16 ~~successor, certifying that the person is a disabled~~
17 ~~veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-~~
18 ~~percent rate and registered with the veterans registry~~
19 ~~created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans~~
20 ~~Affairs; provided, that if the veteran has previously~~
21 ~~received the exemption pursuant to this subparagraph,~~
22 ~~no registration with the veterans registry shall be~~
23 ~~required, and~~

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

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

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

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

- 1 a. for legal residents, ~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~ One
2 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and
3 b. for nonresidents, ~~One Hundred Forty-five Dollars~~
4 ~~(\$145.00)~~ One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00).

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

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

19 ~~F.~~ I. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for
20 by subsection ~~H~~ G of this section, any resident convicted of
21 violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the
22 imposition of a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)
23 nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or by imprisonment in
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1 the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by
2 both.

3 ~~K.~~ J. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for
4 by subsection # G of this section, any nonresident convicted of
5 violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the
6 imposition of a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)
7 nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in
8 the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by
9 both.

10 ~~L.~~ K. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
11 promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this
12 section.

13 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112A, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 4-112A. A. No person ~~thirty (30)~~ twenty (20) years of
16 age or younger may purchase or receive any hunting license or
17 hunting tag unless the person possesses and can exhibit a
18 certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of
19 firearms from the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The
20 Department shall charge no fee for the issuance of certificates.
21 Persons under ten (10) years of age may take the hunter education
22 course but are not eligible to be tested for and receive hunter
23 safety certification. A hunter safety certificate issued by another
24 state or country and approved by the Department of Wildlife

1 Conservation shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this
2 section.

3 B. A youth hunter under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age
4 hunting small game shall be exempt from the hunter safety
5 certification requirements set forth in subsection A of this section
6 if they are accompanied by a licensed hunter eighteen (18) years of
7 age or older who possesses a certificate of hunter safety or is
8 exempt from the hunter safety certification requirements. The
9 accompanying hunter shall be in sight of the youth hunter and shall
10 be able to communicate with the youth hunter in a normal voice
11 without the aid of any communication device. A youth hunter who
12 possesses a certificate of hunter safety may hunt small game without
13 an accompanying hunter as long as the youth hunter carries the
14 certification on their person.

15 C. Persons under ~~thirty (30)~~ twenty-one (21) years of age who
16 do not possess a certificate of hunter safety may purchase or
17 receive any hunting license or permit which is required by law with
18 the designation apprentice listed on the hunter education line of
19 the license or permit. A person holding a license or permit with
20 the apprentice designation shall be allowed to hunt only if they are
21 accompanied by a licensed hunter eighteen (18) years of age or older
22 who possesses a certificate of hunter safety or is exempt from the
23 hunter safety certification requirements or is accompanied by a
24 person exempt from the hunting license requirements. In addition,

1 all persons under ten (10) years of age, when hunting big game,
2 regardless of hunter safety certification, shall be accompanied by a
3 licensed hunter eighteen (18) years of age or older who possesses a
4 certificate of hunter safety or is exempt from the hunter safety
5 certification requirements or is accompanied by a person exempt from
6 the hunting license requirement. When hunting big game, the
7 accompanying hunter shall be within arm's length of the apprentice
8 hunter or close enough so that the accompanying hunter can
9 immediately take control of the firearm or archery equipment of the
10 apprentice hunter. When hunting small game, the accompanying hunter
11 shall be in sight of the apprentice hunter and shall be able to
12 communicate with the apprentice hunter in a normal voice without the
13 aid of any communication device.

14 D. Legal residents who do not possess a certificate of hunter
15 safety may purchase a lifetime hunting license or lifetime
16 combination hunting/fishing license with the designation apprentice
17 listed on the hunter education line of the license. A resident
18 holding a lifetime license with the apprentice designation shall be
19 allowed to hunt only if they comply with the accompanying hunter
20 requirements as set forth in subsection C of this section. Upon
21 obtaining a certificate of hunter safety, a resident holding a
22 lifetime license with the apprentice designation shall be entitled
23 to renew their license without the apprentice designation.

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1 E. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall promulgate
2 rules necessary for the certification of programs for hunter safety
3 offered by other public or private organizations.

4 F. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person
5 who has an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces,
6 who is currently on active duty in the United States Armed Forces or
7 a member of the National Guard. In addition, the provisions of this
8 section shall not apply to any person who is a resident landowner or
9 a resident tenant, while hunting game other than deer or antelope,
10 upon land owned or leased by the person. The provisions of this
11 subsection shall not exempt nonresidents owning land in this state
12 nor any person leasing land, for the purpose of hunting.

13 G. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this
14 section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less
15 than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars
16 (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to
17 exceed thirty (30) days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

18 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-113, as
19 amended by Section 3, Chapter 208, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp. 2022,
20 Section 4-113), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 4-113. A. Legal residents who are not the individuals
22 exempted from the license requirement as provided in subsection B of
23 Section 4-112 of this title may purchase an annual combination
24 hunting/fishing license from the Director or agents of the Director.

1 B. The fee for ~~each~~ a combination hunting/fishing license
2 ~~issued under this section shall be:~~

3 ~~1. For~~ for residents eighteen (18) years of age and older ~~for a~~
4 ~~license that~~ which expires one (1) year after the date of issuance -
5 Fifty-two Dollars (\$52.00); ~~and~~

6 ~~2. For legal residents sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of~~
7 ~~age for a license that expires one (1) year after the date of~~
8 ~~issuance - Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00).~~

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

14 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-113.1, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 4-113.1. A. All legal residents who have resided in
17 the state for at least six (6) months may purchase ~~five-year fishing~~
18 ~~licenses, five-year hunting licenses or five-year~~ a three-year
19 combination hunting/fishing ~~licenses~~ license from the State Wildlife
20 Conservation Director.

21 B. The fee for ~~these licenses~~ the three-year combination
22 hunting/fishing license shall be:

23 ~~1. Five-year fishing license, Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00);~~
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1 ~~2. Five year hunting license, Seventy five Dollars (\$75.00);~~

2 and

3 ~~3. Five year combination hunting/fishing license, One Hundred~~
4 ~~Thirty five Dollars (\$135.00) One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00).~~

5 C. The use of the ~~licenses~~ license provided in this section is
6 subject to those restrictions provided by statute and the
7 regulations of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.

8 D. Should any lifetime license be lost or destroyed, a
9 duplicate will be issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation
10 for a fee ~~of~~ not more than Five Dollars (\$5.00).

11 E. A ~~five-year~~ three-year licensee shall not lose the
12 privileges of such license by a subsequent transfer of residency.

13 ~~F. 1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to subsection B~~
14 ~~of this section, a person purchasing a five-year fishing, hunting or~~
15 ~~combination license shall be required to purchase a five-year~~
16 ~~Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp. Each person shall have the stamp in~~
17 ~~their possession while hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife.~~
18 ~~The fee for the five-year Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp shall be~~
19 ~~Twelve Dollars (\$12.00). The fee for the stamp shall be distributed~~
20 ~~as follows:~~

21 ~~a. Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each stamp shall be~~
22 ~~deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created~~
23 ~~in Section 4-141 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes,~~
24 ~~to be used to retire the obligations and related~~

1 ~~expenses as authorized pursuant to Section 168.9 of~~
2 ~~Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes or to purchase,~~
3 ~~lease, or purchase easements on real property to be~~
4 ~~used as public hunting, fishing, and trapping areas,~~
5 ~~and~~

6 ~~b. Two Dollars (\$2.00) from each stamp shall be deposited~~
7 ~~in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created in Section~~
8 ~~4-141 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to be used~~
9 ~~by the Commission for management of the real property~~
10 ~~acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the~~
11 ~~Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the~~
12 ~~Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.~~

13 ~~2. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall~~
14 ~~prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the~~
15 ~~five-year Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp.~~

16 ~~3. Within one (1) year of the final retirement, redemption, or~~
17 ~~defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to Section 168.9 of~~
18 ~~Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the five-year Oklahoma Wildlife~~
19 ~~Land Stamp and five-year Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee~~
20 ~~requirements provided for in this subsection shall terminate.~~

21 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-114, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 4-114. A. All legal residents who have resided in the
24 state for at least six (6) months and intend to remain residents may

1 purchase lifetime fishing licenses, ~~lifetime hunting licenses~~ or
2 lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses from the State
3 Wildlife Conservation Director.

4 B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

5 1. Lifetime fishing license, ~~Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)~~
6 Three Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$375.00);

7 2. ~~Lifetime hunting license, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00);~~

8 ~~3. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, Seven~~
9 ~~Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)~~ One Thousand Twenty-three Dollars
10 (\$1,023.00);

11 ~~4. Senior citizen lifetime hunting license for persons sixty-~~
12 ~~five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00);~~

13 ~~5. 3.~~ Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons
14 sixty-five (65) years of age or older, ~~Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00)~~
15 Thirty Dollars (\$30.00); and

16 ~~6. 4.~~ Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing
17 license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, ~~Twenty-~~
18 ~~five Dollars (\$25.00)~~ Sixty Dollars (\$60.00).

19 C. Legal resident having proper certification from the United
20 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor certifying
21 that the person is a disabled veteran and registered with the
22 veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans
23 Affairs may purchase a disability lifetime combination hunting and
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1 fishing license from the State Wildlife Conservation Director. The
2 fees for the license shall be as follows:

3 1. Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for veterans having a
4 disability of less than sixty percent (60%); and

5 2. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for veterans having a
6 disability of sixty percent (60%) or more.

7 D. The use of the licenses provided in this section are subject
8 to those restrictions provided by statute and the regulations of the
9 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. Except as otherwise
10 provided for in this section, each lifetime hunting license issued
11 pursuant to subsections B and C of this section shall be in lieu of
12 all annual hunting licenses and all special season permits.

13 E. Should any lifetime license be lost or destroyed, a
14 duplicate will be issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation
15 for a fee ~~of~~ not more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

16 F. A lifetime licensee shall not lose the privileges of such
17 license by a subsequent transfer of residency.

18 G. ~~1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to paragraphs 1~~
19 ~~through 3 of subsection B of this section, a person purchasing a~~
20 ~~lifetime fishing, hunting or combination license, excluding a senior~~
21 ~~citizen lifetime hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing~~
22 ~~license issued pursuant to paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of~~
23 ~~this section and a disability lifetime combination hunting and~~
24 ~~fishing license issued pursuant to subsection C of this section,~~

1 ~~shall be required to purchase a Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land~~
2 ~~Stamp. Each person shall have the stamp in their possession while~~
3 ~~hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife. The fee for the Lifetime~~
4 ~~Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).~~
5 ~~The fee for the stamp shall be distributed as follows:~~

6 ~~a. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) from each stamp shall be~~
7 ~~deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created~~
8 ~~in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used to retire~~
9 ~~the obligations and related expenses as authorized~~
10 ~~pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma~~
11 ~~Statutes or to purchase, lease, or purchase easements~~
12 ~~on real property to be used as public hunting,~~
13 ~~fishing, and trapping areas, and~~

14 ~~b. Five Dollars (\$5.00) from each stamp shall be~~
15 ~~deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created~~
16 ~~in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used by the~~
17 ~~Commission for management of the real property~~
18 ~~acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the~~
19 ~~Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the~~
20 ~~Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.~~

21 ~~2. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall~~
22 ~~prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the~~
23 ~~Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp.~~

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1 ~~3. Within one (1) year of the final retirement, redemption, or~~
2 ~~defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to Section 168.9 of~~
3 ~~Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife~~
4 ~~Land Stamp and Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee~~
5 ~~requirements provided for in this subsection shall terminate.~~

6 H. A person who is sixty-four (64) years of age shall be
7 eligible to purchase a senior citizen lifetime license issued
8 pursuant to ~~paragraphs 4 through 6~~ of subsection B of this section
9 during the calendar year in which the person turns sixty-five (65)
10 years of age.

11 ~~I. The fee for a lifetime fishing license, a lifetime hunting~~
12 ~~license, or a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license~~
13 ~~issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 3 of subsection B of this~~
14 ~~section for a legal resident under eighteen (18) years of age may be~~
15 ~~paid for by installments not to exceed a three-year period of time~~
16 ~~and in a manner determined by the Director. The lifetime license~~
17 ~~shall not be issued and become valid until full payment is received~~
18 ~~by the Department of Wildlife Conservation. If the entire amount of~~
19 ~~the license fee is not received within three (3) years from the date~~
20 ~~the application for installment payments is submitted to the~~
21 ~~Department, all funds received shall be forfeited and shall not be~~
22 ~~refunded.~~

1 ~~J.~~ H. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
2 promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this
3 section.

4 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-130, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Section 4-130. A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma
7 Wildlife Conservation Code, no person may hunt or take any waterfowl
8 during the open season on waterfowl unless the person has first
9 obtained an Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license from the
10 Director or authorized agents of the Director. Each person shall
11 have the stamp or license in their possession when hunting or taking
12 any waterfowl. ~~When a stamp is purchased, the stamp shall be~~
13 ~~validated by the signature of the licensee written across the face~~
14 ~~of the stamp.~~

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

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

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

21 C. ~~1.~~ The Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp fee and waterfowl
22 license shall ~~each be Nine Dollars (\$9.00). The remainder of the~~
23 ~~fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used~~
24 ~~exclusively in the State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing,~~

1 ~~managing, preserving, restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and~~
2 ~~for the conservation and management of waterfowl and ecologically~~
3 ~~related species~~ be for:

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

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

8 ~~2.~~ D. 1. The collection and remittance procedures applicable
9 to hunting license fees under this title shall apply to waterfowl
10 stamp or license fees.

11 ~~3.~~ 2. The waterfowl stamp or license issued pursuant to this
12 section shall expire on June 30 of each year.

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

17 ~~E.~~ F. 1. Any person arrested for hunting or taking any
18 waterfowl during the open season on waterfowl without a valid
19 Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license as required by the
20 provisions of subsection A of this section may purchase a substitute
21 temporary thirty-day stamp or license from the arresting game warden
22 in lieu of posting bond. Proof of hunter safety certification shall
23 not be required for the temporary substitute stamp or license. The

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1 fee for a substitute stamp or license purchased pursuant to the
2 provisions of this subsection shall be:

- 3 a. for legal residents - ~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~ One
4 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and
- 5 b. for nonresidents - ~~One Hundred Forty-five Dollars~~
6 ~~(\$145.00)~~ One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00).

7 2. The fees from the temporary stamp and license purchased
8 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in
9 the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used exclusively in ~~the State~~
10 ~~of Oklahoma~~ this state, for the purpose of developing, managing,
11 preserving, restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and for the
12 conservation and management of waterfowl and ecologically related
13 species.

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

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

20 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-138, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 4-138. A. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation
23 Commission may establish special use permits to be designated the:

- 24 1. "Annual Wildlife Conservation Passport"; and

1 2. "Three-Day Wildlife Conservation Passport".

2 A Passport shall be required of all persons not otherwise exempt
3 as provided for in subsection C of this section, who enter or use
4 land owned or managed by the Commission and that has been designated
5 by the Commission as requiring a Passport.

6 B. The Commission may establish and assess:

7 1. A fee ~~of~~ not more than One Dollar (\$1.00) above the cost of
8 an annual resident hunting or fishing license for the Annual
9 Wildlife Conservation Passport; and

10 2. A fee ~~of~~ not more than Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) for the
11 Three-Day Wildlife Conservation Passport.

12 Each person, not otherwise exempt as provided for in subsection
13 C of this section, entering or using a designated area of land shall
14 be required to have a Passport in their possession while in the
15 area.

16 C. The following persons shall be exempt from the Passport
17 requirements of this section:

18 1. All persons who possess a valid Oklahoma fishing, hunting or
19 combination license, a lifetime resident or nonresident fishing,
20 hunting, or combination license, a senior citizen lifetime fishing
21 or hunting license, or a disability fishing or hunting license;

22 2. Persons under ~~sixteen (16)~~ eighteen (18) years of age; and

23 3. Students and instructors participating in bona fide
24 educational tours or activities sponsored or organized by an

1 educational institution or entity or any other organized event
2 sanctioned in advance by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Wildlife
3 Conservation. Sponsors of such activities shall provide notice of
4 the date and number of persons participating in the activity to the
5 Department of Wildlife Conservation for approval not less than
6 twenty (20) days prior to the date of the activity.

7 D. 1. Any person arrested while violating the provisions of
8 this section may purchase a temporary thirty-day license from the
9 arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. The fee for a
10 substitute license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this
11 subsection shall be:

- 12 a. ~~Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)~~ One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
13 for legal residents of this state, and
14 b. ~~Ninety Dollars (\$90.00)~~ One Hundred Seventy-five
15 Dollars (\$175.00) for nonresidents.

16 2. The fees from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions
17 of this subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation
18 Fund to be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving and
19 protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

20 SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-140, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 4-140. ~~A. Except as otherwise provided for in this~~
23 ~~section, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill,~~
24 ~~take, or attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession,~~

1 ~~sell, or transport all or any portion of any wildlife including fish~~
2 ~~unless the person has first obtained an Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp~~
3 ~~from the Director or any authorized agents of the Department of~~
4 ~~Wildlife Conservation. Each person shall have the stamp in their~~
5 ~~possession when hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife.~~

6 ~~B. Persons exempt from the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp~~
7 ~~requirements of this section are:~~

8 ~~1. Legal residents of Oklahoma under eighteen (18) years of~~
9 ~~age;~~

10 ~~2. Legal residents of Oklahoma sixty-five (65) years of age or~~
11 ~~older;~~

12 ~~3. Legal residents of Oklahoma who have a valid lifetime~~
13 ~~fishing, hunting, or combination license;~~

14 ~~4. Legal residents of Oklahoma who have a valid senior citizen~~
15 ~~lifetime fishing, hunting or combination hunting and fishing~~
16 ~~license;~~

17 ~~5. Nonresidents holding a valid nonresident lifetime fishing~~
18 ~~license;~~

19 ~~6. Legal residents and nonresidents who have acquired a license~~
20 ~~pursuant to Section 4-110 or Section 4-128 of this title for fishing~~
21 ~~in the area of Lake Texoma located within the state;~~

22 ~~7. Nonresidents under sixteen (16) years of age from states~~
23 ~~which do not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons under~~
24 ~~sixteen (16) years of age;~~

1 ~~8. Nonresidents sixty four (64) years of age or older from~~
2 ~~states which do not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons~~
3 ~~sixty four (64) years of age or older;~~

4 ~~9. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent~~
5 ~~(60%) or more and registered with the veterans registry created by~~
6 ~~the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, that if the~~
7 ~~veteran has previously received the exemption pursuant to this~~
8 ~~paragraph, no registration with the veterans registry shall be~~
9 ~~required;~~

10 ~~10. Legal resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents,~~
11 ~~grandparents, children and their spouses, grandchildren and their~~
12 ~~spouses who hunt on land owned or leased by them or fish in private~~
13 ~~ponds on land owned or leased by them;~~

14 ~~11. Any legal resident or nonresident who is a patient of an~~
15 ~~institution of the State of Oklahoma established for the care and~~
16 ~~treatment of mental illness or alcohol or drug dependency or any~~
17 ~~developmentally disabled person residing in any group home or other~~
18 ~~institution or developmentally disabled persons when accompanied by~~
19 ~~an attendant of such institution or legal guardian of said patient,~~
20 ~~or when fishing on institutional property;~~

21 ~~12. Any legal resident or nonresident who is legally blind or~~
22 ~~who has any other physical impairment, as certified by a physician~~
23 ~~licensed in this state or any state which borders this state, which~~
24 ~~prevents the person from properly using fishing apparatus without~~

1 ~~the assistance of another person, and any one person actually~~
2 ~~accompanying and actually assisting such legally blind or otherwise~~
3 ~~physically impaired person while the latter is fishing. This~~
4 ~~certification shall be carried by the individual while fishing;~~

5 ~~13. Nonresidents under fourteen (14) years of age;~~

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

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

17 ~~16. Any legal resident or nonresident who is fishing with a~~
18 ~~pole and line, trotline, or throwline in streams, natural lakes,~~
19 ~~natural ponds, and mine pits when using any bait other than~~
20 ~~commercial or artificial bait, blood, stink bait, cut fish, and~~
21 ~~shrimp; and~~

22 ~~17. Any legal resident or nonresident hunting, pursuing,~~
23 ~~trapping, harassing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to~~
24 ~~take in any manner any species of rattlesnake during an organized~~

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

3 ~~C. 1. Any fees received for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp~~
4 ~~and required to be deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund,~~
5 ~~created in Section 4-141 of this title and any other money deposited~~
6 ~~in the fund, shall be used exclusively for:~~

7 ~~a. the payment of bond debt and related expenses incurred~~
8 ~~pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma~~
9 ~~Statutes for the purchase of public hunting, fishing,~~
10 ~~and trapping areas where the public may hunt, fish, or~~
11 ~~trap as authorized by law or for the purchase, lease,~~
12 ~~or purchasing of easements on real property to be used~~
13 ~~as public hunting, fishing, and trapping areas, and~~

14 ~~b. the management of the real property acquired pursuant~~
15 ~~to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~
16 ~~or acquired with proceeds from the Oklahoma Wildlife~~
17 ~~Land Stamp fee.~~

18 ~~2. The collection and remittance procedures applicable to~~
19 ~~hunting license fees under this title shall apply to the Oklahoma~~
20 ~~Wildlife Land Stamp fees.~~

21 ~~3. The Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp issued pursuant to this~~
22 ~~section for hunting licenses issued pursuant to paragraph 1 of~~
23 ~~subsection C and paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection E of Section 4-112~~
24 ~~of this title and paragraphs 1 and 3 of subsection B of Section 4-~~

1 ~~113 of this title, shall expire on December 31. The Oklahoma~~
2 ~~Wildlife Land Stamp issued pursuant to this section for hunting~~
3 ~~licenses issued pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection C and~~
4 ~~paragraphs 2 and 4 of subsection E of Section 4-112 of this title~~
5 ~~and paragraphs 2 and 4 of subsection B of Section 4-113 of this~~
6 ~~title, shall expire on June 30.~~

7 D. ~~The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall~~
8 ~~prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the~~
9 ~~Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and any rules necessary to implement~~
10 ~~the provisions of this section shall be transferred to an operation~~
11 fund.

12 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-144, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 4-144. A. No person may hunt or take black bear
15 without having first procured a license from the Director of
16 Wildlife Conservation or an agent of the Director.

17 B. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall decide
18 the open season, the bag limits, and territorial limitations for
19 hunting or taking black bear.

20 C. The fees for a license issued pursuant to this section shall
21 be:

- 22 1. For legal residents, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); and
- 23 2. For nonresidents, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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1 D. Any person who fails to obtain a license as required in
2 subsection A of this section and pay the fee as required in
3 paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section, upon conviction, shall
4 be punished by a fine ~~of~~ not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)
5 nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in
6 the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by
7 both ~~said~~ such fine and imprisonment.

8 E. Any person who fails to obtain a license as required in
9 subsection A of this section and pay the fee as required in
10 paragraph 2 of subsection C of this section, upon conviction, shall
11 be punished by a fine of not less than Eight Hundred Dollars
12 (\$800.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by
13 imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6)
14 months, or by both ~~said~~ such fine and imprisonment.

15 F. A resident in possession of a lifetime hunting license or a
16 lifetime combination hunting and fishing license pursuant to the
17 provisions of Section 4-114 of this title prior to and after the
18 effective date of this act shall be exempt from the annual black
19 bear license requirements of subsection A of this section.

20 SECTION 12. REPEALER 29 O.S. 2021, Section 4-112, as
21 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 2022 (29 O.S. Supp.
22 2022, Section 4-112), is hereby repealed.

23 SECTION 13. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

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1 SECTION 14. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, dated 04/13/2023 - DO
7 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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