

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 362

BY: SHURDEN of the SENATE

and

RHODES (Dusty) of the HOUSE

AN ACT RELATING TO GAME AND FISH; DECLARING THE
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT A NUISANCE; PROHIBITING
LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL FROM CERTAIN ACTION;
PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

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 5-406.1 of Title 29, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Double-Crested Cormorant, often popularly referred to as a
"water turkey", is hereby declared a nuisance and as such will
receive no protection from the State of Oklahoma. The Department of
Wildlife Conservation and its law enforcement agents, along with any
and all other law enforcement agents in the State of Oklahoma, shall
not prevent the taking of the Double-Crested Cormorant.

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

Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 1991.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of
_____, 1991.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives