

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 997

BY: SHURDEN of the SENATE

and

SMITH (Bill) of the HOUSE

[ GAME AND FISH - PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL GUIDED  
FISHING ACTIVITIES WITHOUT LICENSE -

EFFECTIVE DATE ]

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 4-135 of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. No person shall provide or offer to provide guided fishing activities for commercial purpose without having first procured a license for such from the Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

B. The fee for a license under this section shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

C. All boats or vessels normally used in guided fishing activities shall be conspicuously marked by decals bearing the inscription "Commercial Guide". Three such decals shall be furnished by the Department of Wildlife Conservation with each guide license issued. Additional decals shall be furnished at a cost of Five Dollars (\$5.00) each. Decals shall be affixed on each side of the boat, mid-distance between the bow and stern, in line with the boat numbers. A boat used by a guide only on a temporary or

emergency basis shall display a decal on the windshield while being used in guided fishing activities. Decals shall expire on December 31 each year.

D. Persons licensed under this section shall provide the Department a true monthly log of all fish caught and of all fish brought into this state during guided fishing trips. The Department shall provide the forms necessary for this purpose. Completed forms shall be mailed to the Department headquarters by the tenth of the month following the month in which the trip is completed.

E. Income derived from the sale of fishing guide licenses as provided in this section shall be expended for enhancement of fishing in lakes where fishing guides operate.

F. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of subsection A or C of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

G. Any person licensed under this section who is convicted of violating the provisions of Sections 4-110, 4-120, 6-301, 6-303 or 7-503 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

H. Any person licensed under this section who has been convicted of or who has pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to two violations of subsection A of this section within a two-year period shall have the license revoked and not be permitted to purchase or renew such license for a two-year period. Any person licensed under this section who has been convicted of or who has plead guilty or nolo contendere to one violation of Section 6-301a of Title 29 of

the Oklahoma Statutes shall have the license revoked and not be permitted to purchase or renew such license for a two-year period.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 1993.

Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 1992.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 1992.

Speaker of the House of Representatives