

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 872

By: Bell of the Senate

and

Matlock of the House

An Act relating to wildlife; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Section 1001, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 214, O.S.L. 1993 (29 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1001), which relates to the use of certain mechanical fishing devices; modifying certain prohibition; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 1001, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 214, O.S.L. 1993 (29 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 1001), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1001. A. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish in any waters of this state by:

1. Leaving visibly unattended for a period of more than six (6) hours any mechanical fishing device which automatically recoils when a fish strikes, including, but not limited to, the device commonly known as a "yo-yo";

2. Use of any mechanical fishing device which automatically recoils when a fish strikes, including, but not limited to, the device commonly known as a "yo-yo", that does not have the name of the owner and the owner's address attached thereto; or

3. Stringing or suspending any device, described in paragraph 1 of this subsection, from any horizontal line across any channel or navigable waterway, or attaching more than ten of any such devices from any one line or support.

B. Any line or lines to which mechanical fishing devices are attached shall be:

1. Made of nonmetallic material only;

2. No greater than 50 feet in length; and

3. Placed or suspended without restricting or impeding boat navigation between any two such lines.

C. Any person violating the provisions of this ~~act~~ section shall be fined not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

D. Any mechanical fishing device being used in violation of this section shall be confiscated as contraband.

E. No line or lines to which mechanical fishing devices are attached shall be placed in any body of water used by boats, unless marked so as to be visible to such boats using any such body of water at any time of the day or night.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 1994.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of April, 1994.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives