

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 914

By: Shurden of the Senate

and

Smith (Bill) of the House

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Section 5-203.1, which relates to lights carried on person while hunting; prohibiting the headlighting of feral animals; modifying statutory reference; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 5-203.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-203.1 A. No person may attempt to take, take, attempt to catch, catch, attempt to capture, capture, attempt to kill, or kill any deer, feral animal or other wildlife except fish and frogs by the use of a vehicle mounted spotlight or other powerful light at night, by what is commonly known as "headlighting". Provided, however, nothing in this ~~Code~~ section shall prevent one from possessing a .22 caliber rimfire rifle or .22 pistol and a light carried on his person while in pursuit of furbearers with hounds during the legal, open furbearers season, while possessing a valid hunting license.

B. Any person may use a shotgun, using No. 6 size shot or smaller, longbow, light and a call for the purpose of hunting predatory animals, provided that written permission is obtained from the local game warden for each twenty-four-hour period of hunting.

C. It shall be illegal to hunt from a boat with a firearm from sunset until one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise. This shall not pertain to hunting of waterfowl enroute from bank to blind with unloaded shotguns.

D. No person may harass, attempt to capture, capture, attempt to take or take, kill or attempt to kill any wildlife with the aid of any motor-driven land, air or water conveyance, except a nonambulatory person may hunt from said conveyances with written permission of the Director. Provided, however, nothing in this Code shall prevent the use of motor-driven land or water conveyances for following dogs in the act of hunting, when use of said conveyances is restricted to public roads or waterways. Said conveyances may be used on private property for following dogs in the act of hunting with the landowner's or occupant's permission.

E. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) for a first offense and not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for a second offense or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year, or by confiscation pursuant to Section 5-402 of ~~Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title or by such fine, imprisonment and confiscation.

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 1st day of May, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of April, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives