

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2462

By: Adair, Beutler, Frame,
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House

and

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An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Sections 2-117 and 2-127, which relate to definitions of words and phrases; amending definition of "headlighting" and "other powerful light" to include nightscopes; providing a definition of "processed paddlefish eggs"; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Section 4-135, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 318, O.S.L. 1997 (29 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 4-135), which relates to permits to control nuisance or damage by wildlife; modifying scope of permits; authorizing certain persons to have chamber-loaded firearms on their property; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 2-117, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-117. "Headlighting" is the use of any light or light enhancement device commonly known as a nightscope in conjunction with a firearm, longbow or crossbow, from the period of sunset to sunrise for the taking of wildlife.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 2-127, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-127. "Other powerful light" is any illuminating source or light enhancement device designed to be carried on one's person, including, but not limited to, flashlights, floodlights (spotlights), hand lanterns, carbide lamps, nightscopes, and/or similar lights carried on one's person and not designed to be attached to or a part of a motor vehicle or water conveyance.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 4-135, as amended by Section 11, Chapter 318, O.S.L. 1997 (29 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 4-135), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-135. A. The Department is authorized to issue permits to landowners, lessees or their designated agents and to any entity of state, county or local government to control nuisance or damage by any species of wildlife or feral hogs under rules promulgated by the Commission. Such permits may be issued without limitation to statewide season regulations, bag limits or methods of taking.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1289.13 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, it shall be lawful for any private landowner or designated employee of such landowner or lessee to have

a chamber-loaded firearm on his or her property provided, however, nothing in this act shall authorize any convicted felon to carry a firearm.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-132.1 of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

"Processed paddlefish eggs" are any eggs taken from paddlefish that have gone through a process which makes the eggs into the product caviar or into a caviar-like product.

SECTION 5. 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 House of Representatives the 8th day of April, 1998.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 31st day of March, 1998.

President of the Senate