

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 3172

By: Hutchison

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Section 7-403, which relates to removal and disposal of dead fish; clarifying statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 7-403, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-403. A. Any person who catches or obtains fish in any manner whatsoever from the waters of this state and ~~such~~ the fish are dead when taken, or die as a result of such act, shall remove those fish from such waters and shall bury or burn them, ~~except nothing.~~ Nothing in this section shall prevent noncommercial fishermen from returning fish remains to the lakes and reservoirs of this state.

B. No person may bury or burn any such dead fish in any place where they are liable to become exposed through erosion or where such land is at any time subject to overflow.

C. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand

Dollars (\$1,000.00), or be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and shall further reimburse a state agency for the costs that agency incurred in the authorized clearing of the waters ~~and/or~~ or land of those dead fish.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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