

SHORT TITLE: Game and fish; allowing commercial wildlife breeders to exhibit certain animals; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE BILL NO. 195

By: Easley

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.

1991, Section 4-107, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 7, O.S.L. 1996 (29 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 4-107), which relates to commercial wildlife breeder's licensee; allowing commercial wildlife breeders to exhibit certain animals under certain conditions; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 4-107, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 7, O.S.L. 1996 (29 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 4-107), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-107. A. Except as otherwise provided for in this title, no person may breed, possess or raise native wildlife, except fish, amphibians, aquatic reptiles, aquatic invertebrates or exotic livestock, for commercial purposes without having first procured a license for such from the Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

B. No person licensed under this section may sell cats specified in subsection D of this section or bears to any person who does not possess a commercial wildlife breeder's license or noncommercial wildlife breeder's license.

C. Such license may be issued to any person whom the Director believes to be acting in good faith, and whom ~~he~~ the Director

believes does not intend to use such license for the purpose of violating any of the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and who proves that the brood stock ~~he~~ the licensee uses will be obtained in a lawful manner.

D. Without exception, any person shall be licensed under this section who keeps or maintains on premises any bear or cat that will grow to reach the weight of fifty (50) pounds or more and shall at all times keep such wildlife confined, controlled and restrained in such manner so the life, limb or property of any person lawfully entering such premises shall not be endangered.

E. Any person licensed pursuant to Section 2133 of Title 7 of the United States Code who keeps or maintains on premises any bears or cats may exhibit such animals, provided that the bears or cats are at all times leashed, muzzled and are in constant attendance by the licensee.

~~E.~~ F. The fees for a license under this section, and all renewals of such license, shall be Forty-eight Dollars (\$48.00).

~~F.~~ G. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); and, if applicable, shall have his wildlife license revoked. No such person whose license has been revoked shall be eligible to obtain a new license until after the date on which the revoked license would have expired.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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