

SHORT TITLE: Game and fish; authorizing landowners to kill certain feral animals and have a loaded firearm in their possession under certain conditions; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 995

By: Shurden of the Senate

and

Bonny of the House

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to game and fish; authorizing landowners or a designee, or a lessee of such land to kill feral hogs and coyotes by use of a spotlight; requiring certain landowners to serve certain notification; authorizing landowners to have a loaded firearm in their possession under certain conditions; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-203.2 of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be lawful for any landowner or designee, or lessee of property to kill feral hogs and coyotes on his or her property by use of a spotlight or other powerful light, by what is commonly known as "headlighting". The landowner shall notify the local game warden or the Law Enforcement Division within the Department of Wildlife Conservation of his or her intent to engage in such activity by specifying the time and location thereof.

B. It shall be lawful for any private landowner or designee, or lessee to have a loaded firearm in his or her possession while checking on livestock located on his or her property.

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.

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