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An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Section 5-209, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 1998 (29 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 5-209), which relates to crossbow permits; authorizing certain persons to hunt with a crossbow; deleting crossbow permit requirements; requiring qualified persons to carry certain certification while in the field; deleting certain expiration requirements; requiring the Department of Wildlife Conservation to forward to persons a copy of a physician-issued certificate upon request; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 5-209, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 1998 (29 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 5-209), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-209. A. The Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation may ~~issue a lifetime permit for~~ permit the hunting or taking of wildlife by the use of a crossbow ~~to applicants by~~ persons, otherwise qualified, who have a permanent disability to the extent that they cannot physically use a conventional longbow, as certified by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or in any state which borders this state.  ~~Holders of such a crossbow permit may renew the permit every five (5) years for Five Dollars (\$5.00) or pay the cost for a lifetime crossbow permit which shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).~~ A person who qualifies to use a crossbow shall have in their possession while in the field, written evidence of such certification.

~~B. Any crossbow permit issued by the Director before July 1, 1998, shall continue to be valid until the expiration date on the permit. After expiration, the applicant may apply for a lifetime permit.~~

E. Any crossbow permit shall also allow any such permittee to take deer by crossbow according to Department rules during legal open archery deer season.

C. Upon the request of a person holding a crossbow permit issued by the Director before July 1, 2000, the Department shall send to the person a copy of the physician-issued certificate on file for that person.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2000.

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of March, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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President of the Senate