

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2179

By: Smith (Dale) of the House

and

Shurden of the Senate

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Section 7-502, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 149, O.S.L. 1992 (29 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 7-502), which relates to the prohibition on possession of wildlife; modifying certain term; modifying exemption for certain legally obtained wildlife; prohibiting the possession of any wildlife or parts of wildlife taken illegally; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 7-502, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 149, O.S.L. 1992 (29 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 7-502), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-502. A. Except as otherwise provided by law, no person may possess:

1. Any wildlife or parts thereof during the closed season for that particular wildlife species;

2. Any endangered or ~~rare~~ threatened species or parts thereof at any time; or

3. Any bear or cat that will grow to reach the weight of fifty (50) pounds or more.

B. Persons exempt from provisions of paragraph 1 of subsection A are:

1. Persons storing lawfully taken wildlife in any home freezer or cold storage locker;

2. Persons possessing items including but not limited to hides, heads or horns as specimens or trophies;

3. Persons possessing wild waterfowl taken in compliance with and under provisions of federal laws pertaining thereto; or

4. Persons possessing legally obtained wildlife, from a source other than the wild, as pets or for the purpose of training hunting dogs, except as otherwise provided for by law or under rules promulgated by the Wildlife Conservation Commission.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in their possession any meat, head, hide, or any part of the carcass of any wildlife not legally taken.

D. The applicable commercial or noncommercial wildlife breeders license shall be obtained if any wildlife is being propagated.

~~D.~~ E. Possession of game during the closed season, except as above provided, shall be prima facie evidence that such was taken in a closed season.

~~E.~~ F. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of February,
2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 17th day of April, 2000.

President of the Senate