

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 192

By: Price of the Senate

and

Hutchison of the House

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Section 4-112A, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 214, O.S.L. 1993 (29 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 4-112A), which relates to hunting licenses; expanding eligibility for hunters safety certificate exemption; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 4-112A, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 214, O.S.L. 1993 (29 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 4-112A), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-112A. A. ~~On and after January 1, 1987, no~~ No person born on or after January 1, 1972, upon reaching sixteen (16) years of age and through thirty-five (35) years of age, may purchase or receive any hunting license or hunting tag unless said person possesses and can exhibit a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms from the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Department shall charge no fee for the issuance of such certificates. A hunter safety certificate issued by another state or country and approved by the Department of Wildlife Conservation shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this section. No person under sixteen (16) years of age may purchase a gun deer tag or hunt large game with any firearm without first obtaining a hunter safety certification.

B. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall prescribe, adopt, and promulgate rules ~~and regulations~~ necessary for the certification of programs for hunter safety offered by other public or private organizations.

C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who has an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces, who is currently on active duty in the United States Armed Forces or a member of the National Guard. In addition, the provisions of this section shall not apply to any person who is a resident landowner or a resident tenant, while hunting game other than deer or antelope, upon land owned or leased by such person. The provisions of this subsection shall not exempt nonresidents owning land in this state nor any person leasing land, for the purpose of hunting.

D. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both ~~said~~ fine and imprisonment.

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.

Passed the Senate the 2nd day of March, 1999.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of March, 1999.

Speaker of the House of Representatives