STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1105 By: Erwin

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to lease agreements for public lands; amending Section 1, Chapter 66, O.S.L. 1996, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 56, O.S.L. 1997 (29 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 4-136), which relates to special use permits issued by the Wildlife Conservation Department; modifying language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 66, O.S.L. 1996, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 56, O.S.L. 1997 (29 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 4-136), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-136. A. The Wildlife Conservation Commission may establish a special use permit which would be required of all persons who~~, on or after January 1, 1997,~~ hunt or fish or otherwise use private lands leased and administered by the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

B. The Commission may establish and assess an annual fee not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00) for the special use permit to use the private land in four thousand (4,000) acre blocks or larger leased and administered by the Department. The fees from permits purchased pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be expended by the Department exclusively for developing, managing, preserving, and protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat on the private land leased and administered by the Department.

C. Legal residents of Oklahoma who are under eighteen (18) years of age on the first day of the current calendar year or are

sixty-four (64) years of age or older shall be exempt from the permit requirements of this section.

D. The following persons shall be exempt from the permit requirements of this section:

1. Persons participating in a nonhunting or nonfishing event or activity sponsored or organized by an established nonprofit religious organization which used the private land for events or activities prior to establishment of the special use permit; and

2. Students participating in educational tours or educational activities sponsored or organized by an educational institution.

The nonprofit religious organization or educational institution sponsoring or organizing the event or activity shall provide notice of the date and the number of persons participating in the event or activity to the Department not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the event or activity.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. 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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