

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 47th Legislature (2000)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION HCR1111

By: Taylor of the House

and

Dunlap of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution stating Legislative intent to provide an exemption from fishing license requirements for certain persons with developmental disabilities; stating Legislative intent that the Wildlife Conservation Commission allow an exemption from the fishing license requirements for certain persons with developmental disabilities; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Under Section 4-110 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes no person may catch fish in the state without having first procured a license from the Department of Wildlife Conservation; and

WHEREAS, the law provides exceptions from the fishing license requirement for certain groups of persons, including developmentally disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, the language in the law is not clear whether the exception from the fishing license requirements for developmentally disabled persons includes such persons living in private group homes or institutions; and

WHEREAS, many persons with developmental disabilities living in a group home or institutional setting do not have the resources necessary to acquire a fishing license; and

WHEREAS, all persons with developmental disabilities, whether living in a public or private group home or institution, should be allowed the experience of catching fish, and to receive the

emotional and physical benefits acquired through participation in such a recreational activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT it is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that the language in Section 4-110 of Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes exempting certain persons with developmental disabilities residing in a group home or institution from the fishing license requirements include such persons residing in private group homes or institutions.

THAT it is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that the Wildlife Conservation Commission allow an exemption from the fishing license requirements for persons with developmental disabilities residing in private group homes or institutions.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to each member of the Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Director of Wildlife Conservation.

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