STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

SENATE BILL NO. 206 By: Shurden

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Section 4-101, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 213, O.S.L. 1998 (29 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 4-101), which relates to license and permit requirements; modifying term of certain license; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 4-101, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 213, O.S.L. 1998 (29 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 4-101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-101. A. All licenses and permits issued by the Director of Wildlife Conservation, the Department of Wildlife Conservation or by any of its agents shall be used only in conformity with the provisions of this title and the rules promulgated by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission.

B. All persons making application for any licenses required by this section shall produce a valid license to operate a motor vehicle or other positive proof of identification, age and residency, and any such license issued shall show such data as well as the date and time of issuance.

C. All licenses are nontransferable. No person shall alter, change, lend or transfer any license. No person shall use or borrow a license which has not been issued to that person by the Director, the Department or by any of its agents pursuant to the provisions of this section.

D. No person may engage in activities requiring a license without that person's carrying such license on their person and producing the same for an inspection upon the demand of any Oklahoma citizen or game warden.

E. Any person required to produce a license must also identify themselves as the person to whom such license was issued, and failure or refusal to comply shall be deemed prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

F. Unless otherwise provided in this Code:

1. All licenses shall terminate December 31 for the year issued <u>except for fishing licenses which shall terminate twelve (12) months after the date of issuance</u>; and

2. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this title may have any or all licenses held by that person or the privilege of applying for, purchasing or exercising the benefits conferred by the licenses revoked by the Department in accordance with rules promulgated by the Commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction for a period of not less than one (1) year. For purposes of this paragraph, a court conviction, a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere, the imposition of a deferred or suspended sentence by a court, or forfeiture of bond shall be deemed a conviction.

G. Should licenses provided under Sections 4-110, 4-112 or 4-113 of this title be lost or destroyed, duplicates will be issued by the Department at a fee of One Dollar and fifty cents ($1.50).

H. Upon harvesting any whitetail or mule deer, or any other wildlife where the hunter, according to Commission rules, is required to check the wildlife in at a Department check station, the taker of the wildlife shall:

1. Securely attach the name and license number to the carcass of the wildlife;

2. Transport to and check in the carcass of the wildlife at the nearest hunter check station that is open or with an authorized Department employee; and

3. Not remove evidence of the sex of the animal until after the carcass of the animal has been checked in.

I. It shall be unlawful for any license or permit holder to knowingly make a false statement or give false information to any person operating an authorized hunter check station or to an authorized Department employee when complying with the provisions of subsection H of this section. Information which may be collected at a Department check station shall include but not be limited to the name, address, license or permit number and signature of the taker, the date, time, county, method or weapon of the kill, sex and weight of carcass, whether or not the animal was taken on public hunting land and if so in what area, or any other information which may be required by the Commission.

J. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section or of making a false statement or giving any false information in order to acquire any license or permit, pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars ($25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars ($100.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed ten (10) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

K. Any person who has had their license privileges revoked shall not be entitled to purchase, apply for, or exercise the benefits conferred by any license until the revocation period has expired or the person has obtained approval from the Director. Any person violating the provisions of this subsection, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00), or by imprisonment in a county jail for a term of not more than ninety (90) days or by both the fine and imprisonment.

Upon conviction under this subsection, the previously granted license revocation period shall be extended by two (2) additional years.

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

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