STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1265 By: Smith (Dale)

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An Act relating to game and fish; authorizing the Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish a Blue River Conservation Passport; requiring persons entering or using the Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area to have the Passport; authorizing the Commission to establish an annual fee for the Passport; requiring persons to have Passport on their possession at certain times; exempting certain persons from the Passport requirement; requiring certain notice of educational tours and activities; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-137 of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Wildlife Conservation Commission may establish a special use permit to be designated the "Blue River Conservation Passport". The Passport shall be required of all persons not otherwise exempt as provided for in subsection C of this section, who enter or use the Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area.

B. The Commission may establish and assess an annual fee of not more than One Dollar ($1.00) above the cost of an annual resident fishing license for the Passport. Each person, not otherwise exempt as provided for in subsection C of this section, entering or using the Blue River Public Fishing and Hunting Area shall be required to have a Passport in their possession while in the Area.

C. The following persons shall be exempt from the Passport requirements of this section:

1. All persons who possess a valid Oklahoma annual or combination resident fishing or hunting license, an annual nonresident fishing or hunting license, a lifetime resident or nonresident fishing, hunting, or combination license, a senior citizen fishing or hunting license, or a disability fishing or hunting license;

2. Legal residents of Oklahoma who are under sixteen (16) years of age on the first day of the current calendar year; and

3. Students and instructors participating in bona fide educational tours or activities sponsored or organized by an educational institution or entity. Sponsors of such activities shall provide notice of the date and number of persons participating in the activity to the Department of Wildlife Conservation for approval not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the activity.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

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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