

**EHB 2150**

**THE STATE SENATE**  
**Thursday, April 4, 2002**

**ENGROSSED**

**House Bill No. 2150**

**As Amended**

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2150 - By: HUTCHISON of the House and RABON of the Senate.

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 4-136, which relates to special use permit to use private land leased and administered by the Department of Wildlife Conservation; authorizing the Department to issue a three-day special use permit for certain use; deleting certain limit on fee; establishing fee limit for an annual and three-day special use permit for residents; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2001, Section 4-136, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-136. A. The Wildlife Conservation Commission may establish a an annual special use permit which would be required of all persons who hunt or fish or otherwise use private lands leased and administered by the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Department shall not require a special use permit for persons traveling through such private land in a motor vehicle, unless the person is also involved in hunting or fishing or other use of the private land for which a special permit is required. The Commission may establish a three-day special use permit which would allow

1 residents to use the private land administered by the Department of  
2 Wildlife Conservation for nonhunting- or nonfishing-related  
3 activities for up to three (3) consecutive days.

4 B. The Commission may establish and assess ~~an annual~~ a fee ~~not~~  
5 ~~to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)~~ for the an annual resident  
6 and nonresident special use permit or a three-day resident special  
7 use permit to use the private land in four thousand (4,000) acre  
8 blocks or larger leased and administered by the Department. The fee  
9 for the annual special use permit for residents shall not exceed  
10 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). The fee for the three-day special use  
11 permit for residents shall not exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00). The  
12 fees from permits purchased pursuant to the provisions of this  
13 section shall be expended by the Department exclusively for  
14 developing, managing, preserving, and protecting wildlife and  
15 wildlife habitat on the private land leased and administered by the  
16 Department.

17 C. Legal residents of Oklahoma who are under eighteen (18)  
18 years of age on the first day of the current calendar year or are  
19 sixty-four (64) years of age or older shall be exempt from the  
20 permit requirements of this section.

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

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

5        2. Students participating in educational tours or educational  
6 activities sponsored or organized by an educational institution; and

7        3. Persons participating in a nonhunting or nonfishing event or  
8 activity sponsored or organized by an established geological or  
9 mineralogical organization if the private landowner has given  
10 written permission authorizing the event or activity.

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

16        SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
17 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, dated 3-27-02 - DO PASS,  
21 As Amended.