

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

SENATE BILL 490

By: Rabon

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 1991, Section 7-801, as amended by Section 18, Chapter 318, O.S.L. 1994 (29 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 7-801), which relates to exotic wildlife; clarifying statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 1991, Section 7-801, as amended by Section 18, Chapter 318, O.S.L. 1994 (29 O.S. Supp. 2000, Section 7-801), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-801. A. The Wildlife Conservation Commission is authorized to regulate the importation of exotic wildlife. No exotic wildlife may be released into the wilds of Oklahoma without first obtaining written permission of the Director of Wildlife Conservation. Any person releasing such exotic wildlife into the wilds of Oklahoma in violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

B. Any bear or cat that will grow to reach the weight of fifty (50) pounds or more held or maintained in violation of this section may be confiscated and disposed of by the ~~Wildlife~~ Department of Wildlife Conservation or other law enforcement agency after proper notice and hearing except in an emergency situation.

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

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