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An Act relating to game and fish; amending Section 11, Chapter 160, O.S.L. 2003 (29 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 4-139), which relates to the migratory bird and Sandhill Crane permits; directing the Wildlife Conservation Commission to develop an Internet-based application for migratory bird permit applications; providing for waiver of the permit fee for persons using the Internet to apply for the permit; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 11, Chapter 160, O.S.L. 2003 (29 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 4-139), is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-139. A. Any person who hunts, takes, or attempts to take any migratory bird shall be required to obtain from the Director any federally required permit for migratory birds.

B. The fee for a migratory bird permit under subsection A of this section shall be Two Dollars (\$2.00) for residents and nonresidents. By July 1, 2004, the Wildlife Conservation Commission shall develop and implement an Internet-based electronic application by which persons may apply for a migratory bird permit. For any person who makes application for and fills out the required information for the migratory bird permit by means of the Internet, the two-dollar fee shall be waived.

C. In addition to the permit required in subsection A of this section, any person who hunts, takes, or attempts to take a Sandhill Crane shall be required to obtain from the Director a Sandhill Crane permit. The fee for a Sandhill Crane permit shall be Two Dollars (\$2.00) for residents and nonresidents.

D. Persons ~~excepted~~ exempted from the permit requirements of this section are:

1. Persons under sixteen (16) years of age;
2. Persons age sixty-four (64) or older; and
3. A landowner hunting only on their own property.

E. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION 2. 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.

Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2004.

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of Representatives