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THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Senate Bill No. 1548
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 1548 - By: SHURDEN of the Senate and SMITH of the House.

[game and fish - establishing fee for guide license - report - codification - effective date]

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 4-113A of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. No person, business or corporation, including a hunting club, or land leasing agent, who advertises, or holds themselves, land, service, or equipment out to the public for hire or remuneration to provide guide or outfitter service for the taking of game during hunting activities shall perform or advertise without having first obtained a guide and outfitter license from the Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

B. No person who is employed by or operating under a licensed guide and outfitter shall advertise or hold themselves out for hire or remuneration to provide guide and outfitter service or contract to perform such activities without having first obtained an associate guide license from the Director.

1 C. The fees for a resident guide and outfitter license and
2 resident associate guide license shall be Twenty-five Dollars
3 (\$25.00). The fees for a nonresident guide and outfitter license
4 and nonresident associate guide license shall be Thirty-five Dollars
5 (\$35.00). The licenses shall expire June 30 of each year.

6 1. All licensees shall notify the Department of Wildlife
7 Conservation of the counties where guide and outfitter services will
8 be provided, prior to the commencement of such activities.

9 2. Persons exempted from the license requirements pursuant to
10 this act are:

11 a. landowners providing services on lands owned by the
12 person, business or corporation, and used primarily
13 for agricultural purposes, and

14 b. persons, businesses or corporations providing services
15 in commercial hunt areas.

16 D. The Wildlife Conservation Commission shall promulgate rules
17 regarding the performance of services, including but not limited to
18 applications, issuance, liability insurance requirements, renewal,
19 denial, suspension, fines, citations and revocation of these
20 licenses.

21 1. Applicants must provide the Department of Wildlife
22 Conservation with a letter of intent to insure from an authorized
23 insurance company. The guide and outfitter's letter of intent will

1 suffice as long as the associate guide is listed on the letter as an
2 employee.

3 2. Applicants must submit to a criminal background
4 investigation.

5 E. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall report all
6 applications for proposed guides and outfitters and associate guides
7 to the Oklahoma Tax Commission for tax information purposes.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2004.

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & WILDLIFE, dated 2-12-04
10 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.