

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE BILL 1575

By: Walker

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Section 7-403, which relates to removal and disposition of dead fish; clarifying statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2001, Section 7-403, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7-403. A. Any person who catches or obtains fish in any manner whatsoever from the waters of this state and ~~such~~ the fish are dead when taken, or die as a result of such act, shall remove those fish from such waters and shall bury or burn them, ~~except nothing.~~ Nothing in this section shall prevent noncommercial fishermen from returning fish remains to the lakes and reservoirs of this state.

B. No person may bury or burn any ~~such~~ dead fish in any place where they are liable to become exposed through erosion or where ~~such~~ the land is at any time subject to overflow.

C. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or be imprisoned in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and shall further reimburse a state agency for the costs that agency incurred in the authorized clearing of the waters and/or land of those dead fish.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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