

EHB 2226

THE STATE SENATE
Monday, March 31, 2008

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House Bill No. 2226

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2226 - By: Smithson of the House and Corn of the Senate.

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 2001, Sections 5-209, 5-210 and 5-211, which relate to hunting with a crossbow; allowing legal residents over a certain age to hunt with a crossbow; clarifying statutory language; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2001, Section 5-209, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-209. A. The Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation may permit the hunting or taking of wildlife by the use of a crossbow by persons, otherwise qualified, who ~~have~~:

1. Have a permanent disability to the extent that they cannot physically use a conventional longbow, as certified by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or in any state which borders this state. A person who qualifies to use a crossbow pursuant to this paragraph shall have in their possession while in the field, written evidence of ~~such~~ the certification; or

2. Are legal residents of Oklahoma and are fifty-five (55) years of age or older.

1 B. Any crossbow permit shall also allow ~~any such~~ the permittee
2 to take deer by crossbow according to Department rules during legal
3 open archery deer season.

4 C. Upon the request of a person holding a crossbow permit
5 issued by the Director before July 1, 2000, the Department shall
6 send to the person a copy of the physician-issued certificate on
7 file for that person.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2001, Section 5-210, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 5-210. ~~Except for the provisions of this act as~~
11 otherwise authorized in Section 5-209 of this title, the use of the
12 crossbow shall be prohibited in the hunting, taking or attempting to
13 take of any wildlife.

14 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2001, Section 5-211, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 5-211. Any person convicted of violating the provisions
17 of Section ~~2~~ 5-210 of this ~~act~~ title shall be punished by a fine of
18 not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Five Hundred
19 Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not
20 more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

21 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & WILDLIFE, dated 3-27-08
4 - DO PASS.