

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2549

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to game and fish; amending Section 4,  
8 Chapter 44, O.S.L. 2007 (29 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section  
9 7-208), which relates to payment of an administrative  
10 fine in lieu of bond; requiring payment of an  
11 administrative fine to be mailed or delivered to the  
12 Department of Wildlife Conservation within certain  
13 time limit; providing for further action by the  
14 Wildlife Conservation Commission; providing for  
15 revocation of certain licenses upon failure to pay an  
16 administrative fine; requiring payment of  
17 administrative fine prior to issuance or renewal of  
18 any licenses; authorizing enforcement of  
19 administrative fines in district court; and declaring  
20 an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 44, O.S.L. 2007  
23 (29 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 7-208), is amended to read as follows:

24 Section 7-208. A. Any person arrested for violation of any  
rule promulgated by the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission  
may, in lieu of posting bond, pay an administrative fine equal to  
one-half (1/2) of the current bond schedule, as prepared by the  
Administrative Office of the Courts pursuant to Section 1115.3 of

1 Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The amount of the fine shall be  
2 rounded to the nearest five-dollar increment.

3 B. The fines assessed pursuant to this section shall be mailed  
4 in an envelope addressed to the Department of Wildlife Conservation  
5 or hand delivered to the Department within thirty (30) days after  
6 the time of arrest. Failure of the person to pay the fine within  
7 thirty (30) days of the arrest may result in action being taken by  
8 the Wildlife Conservation Commission. After hearing, the Commission  
9 may revoke any license issued pursuant to the Wildlife Code to the  
10 arrested person. The full amount of the assessed fine shall be  
11 added to the fee for the renewal of any license issued pursuant to  
12 the Wildlife Code to the arrested person. No license shall be  
13 renewed or issued to the arrested person without payment of the  
14 assessed fine and license fee.

15 C. The administrative fines imposed pursuant to this section  
16 shall be enforceable in the district courts of this state.

17 D. Any fines collected pursuant to this section shall be  
18 payable to the Department of Wildlife Conservation and shall be  
19 deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to be used exclusively  
20 for developing, managing, conserving, and protecting wildlife and  
21 wildlife habitat.

22 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
23 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
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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.

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