

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3388

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to game and fish; requiring persons
8 who keep certain nonnative bears or cats to comply
9 with certain restrictions; providing a penalty for
violations; providing for codification; and declaring
an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-802 of Title 29, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. Any person who keeps and maintains any nonnative bear or cat
17 that will grow to reach the weight of fifty (50) pounds or more
18 shall:

19 1. Be required to obtain a valid license issued by the United
20 States Department of Agriculture;

21 2. At all times keep the bear or cat confined in an enclosure;
22 and

23 3. At all times shall keep the bear or cat controlled and
24 restrained in a manner so the life, limb, or property of any person

1 on the premises or near the premises where the bear or cat is being
2 kept shall not be endangered.

3 B. Any person violating the provisions of subsection A of this
4 section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
5 conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five
6 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than Two Thousand Dollars
7 (\$2,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not
8 to exceed one (1) year or by both the fine and imprisonment.

9 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
10 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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