

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1761

By: Enns and Sherrer of the  
House

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4 Barrington of the Senate  
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7 An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.  
8 2001, Sections 5-209 and 5-210, as amended by  
9 Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 136, O.S.L. 2008 (29 O.S.  
10 Supp. 2008, Sections 5-209 and 5-210), which relate  
11 to crossbow permits; authorizing the use of a  
12 mechanical bow draw device by certain persons;  
13 providing for issuance of a permit; modifying certain  
14 prohibition; and declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2001, Section 5-209, as  
17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 136, O.S.L. 2008 (29 O.S. Supp. 2008,  
18 Section 5-209), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 5-209. A. The Director of the Department of Wildlife  
20 Conservation may permit the hunting or taking of wildlife by the use  
21 of a crossbow or by use of a conventional longbow with a device that  
22 permits the bow to be held mechanically at full or partial draw by  
23 persons, otherwise qualified, who:

24 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

1 borders this state. A person who qualifies to use a crossbow or  
2 mechanical bow draw device pursuant to this paragraph shall have in  
3 their possession while in the field, written evidence of the  
4 certification; or

5 2. Are legal residents of Oklahoma and are sixty (60) years of  
6 age or older.

7 B. Any ~~crossbow~~ permit issued pursuant to this section shall  
8 also allow the permittee to take deer by crossbow or by a  
9 conventional longbow with a mechanical bow draw device according to  
10 Department rules during legal open archery deer season.

11 C. Upon the request of a person holding a crossbow permit  
12 issued by the Director before July 1, 2000, the Department shall  
13 send to the person a copy of the physician-issued certificate on  
14 file for that person.

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2001, Section 5-210, as  
16 amended by Section 2, Chapter 136, O.S.L. 2008 (29 O.S. Supp. 2008,  
17 Section 5-210), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 5-210. Except as otherwise authorized in Section 5-209  
19 of this title, the use of the crossbow or a conventional longbow  
20 with a device that permits the bow to be held mechanically at full  
21 or partial draw shall be prohibited in the hunting, taking or  
22 attempting to take of any wildlife.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 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 Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of March, 2009.

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6 Presiding Officer of the House of  
7 Representatives

8 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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