

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2585

By: Pruett and Roan of the  
House

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4 Justice of the Senate  
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8 An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.  
9 2001, Section 4-112, as last amended by Section 1,  
10 Chapter 49, O.S.L. 2008 (29 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section  
11 4-112), which relates to hunting licenses; clarifying  
12 exemptions from certain hunting licenses; changing  
13 the fee for certain nonresident hunting licenses;  
14 adding certain nonresident hunting licenses; making  
15 certain hunting licenses valid for all allowed deer;  
16 deleting certain additional license requirements for  
17 nonresidents; requiring portion of certain  
18 nonresident license fees to be for the Oklahoma  
19 Wildlife Land Stamp and deposited in the Oklahoma  
20 Wildlife Land Fund; modifying statutory outline for  
21 resident hunting licenses; modifying fee for annual  
22 resident hunting license; requiring certain amount  
23 from license fee to be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land  
24 Stamp and deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land  
Fund; clarifying language; and declaring an  
emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2001, Section 4-112, as  
last amended by Section 1, Chapter 49, O.S.L. 2008 (29 O.S. Supp.  
2009, Section 4-112), is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 4-112. A. Except as otherwise provided for in the  
2 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code or the Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae  
3 Act, no person may hunt, pursue, trap, harass, catch, kill, take or  
4 attempt to take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or  
5 transport all or any portion of any wildlife except fish, without  
6 having first procured a license from the Department of Wildlife  
7 Conservation. The Wildlife Conservation Commission shall designate  
8 a consecutive Saturday and Sunday in September of each year as free  
9 hunting days in which residents of this state may hunt without first  
10 procuring a hunting license pursuant to the provisions of this  
11 section.

12 B. ~~Pursuant to the provisions of this Code, persons excepted~~  
13 The following legal residents of Oklahoma shall be exempt from the  
14 annual hunting license requirement of paragraph 1 of subsection E of  
15 this section are and the following nonresidents shall be exempt from  
16 the annual nonresident hunting licenses required pursuant to  
17 paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section:

18 1. ~~Legal residents of Oklahoma~~ Residents under sixteen (16)  
19 years of age;

20 2. ~~Legal residents of Oklahoma~~ Residents sixty-four (64) years  
21 of age or older provided they have obtained a senior ~~citizen's~~  
22 citizen lifetime license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-133  
23 of this title;

24 3. ~~Legal residents~~ Residents born on or before January 1, 1923;

- 1        4. ~~Legal resident~~ Resident veterans having a disability of  
2 sixty percent (60%) or more;
- 3        5. ~~Legal resident~~ Resident owners or tenants who hunt on land  
4 owned or leased by them;
- 5        6. ~~Every citizen of Oklahoma~~ Residents serving in a branch of  
6 the United States Armed Forces on properly authorized leave from  
7 military duty ~~having in his or her possession~~ who have proper  
8 written evidence in their possession showing ~~such~~ the authorized  
9 leave, and is serving outside the State of Oklahoma at the time of  
10 the hunting;
- 11        7. Any nonresident under fourteen (14) years of age;
- 12        8. ~~Legal residents~~ Residents having a proven disability which  
13 renders them nonambulatory and confines them to a wheelchair, as  
14 certified by a physician licensed in this state or in any state  
15 which borders this state;
- 16        9. Any ~~person~~ resident or nonresident under eighteen (18) years  
17 of age who is in the physical custody of a child care facility as  
18 defined by Section 402 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and
- 19        10. Any ~~person~~ resident or nonresident hunting, pursuing,  
20 trapping, harassing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to  
21 take in any manner any species of rattlesnake during an organized  
22 rattlesnake-hunting event or festival and who has a rattlesnake  
23 permit issued pursuant to Section 4-143 of this title.

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1 C. Except as otherwise provided ~~for in this Code~~, the fees for  
2 following are the nonresident hunting licenses listed in issued  
3 pursuant to this ~~subsection~~ are section and the fee for each  
4 license:

5 1. ~~a.~~ Annual hunting licenses for ~~nonresidents~~ hunting game  
6 other than deer, antelope, ~~or elk~~, ~~One Hundred Thirty six Dollars~~  
7 ~~(\$136.00)~~ or bear and for hunting big game or combination big game  
8 and upland game in a commercial hunting area - One Hundred Forty-one  
9 Dollars (\$141.00);

10 2. Gun hunting license for deer, ~~Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)~~  
11 which shall be valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current  
12 calendar year deer gun season - Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars  
13 (\$279.00);

14 3. Archery hunting license for deer which shall be valid for  
15 hunting all deer allowed during the current calendar year deer  
16 archery season - Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$279.00);

17 4. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer which shall be  
18 valid for hunting all deer allowed during the current calendar year  
19 deer primitive firearms season - Two Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars  
20 (\$279.00);

21 5. Hunting license for antelope and elk, ~~Three Hundred Dollars~~  
22 ~~(\$300.00)~~. ~~There shall be no exemptions for deer, antelope, elk, or~~  
23 ~~turkey. Any nonresident hunting in a~~ - Three Hundred Five Dollars  
24 (\$305.00);

1 6. ~~big game or combination big game and upland game commercial~~  
2 ~~hunting area shall be required to have an annual nonresident hunting~~  
3 ~~license pursuant to this subparagraph, and the fee shall be One~~  
4 ~~Hundred Thirty six Dollars (\$136.00). For a five day nonresident~~  
5 ~~Hunting license for elk - Three Hundred five Dollars (\$305.00);~~

6 7. Five-day hunting license to hunt game other than deer,  
7 antelope, elk, or turkey, ~~the fee shall be Sixty nine Dollars~~  
8 ~~(\$69.00).~~ - Seventy-four Dollars (\$74.00); and

9 ~~b. Annual combination hunting licenses for nonresidents~~  
10 ~~hunting one antlered and one antlerless deer, Two~~  
11 ~~Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00); for nonresidents~~  
12 ~~hunting an additional antlerless deer, Fifty Dollars~~  
13 ~~(\$50.00) which shall be valid only on private lands~~  
14 ~~not managed by the Department of Wildlife~~  
15 ~~Conservation.~~

16 ~~e.~~

17 8. Ten-day hunting license for small game in a commercial  
18 hunting area - Five Dollars (\$5.00).

19 D. ~~Of the amount of monies~~ fees collected pursuant to the  
20 provisions of ~~this paragraph,~~ paragraphs 1 through 7 of subsection C  
21 of this section:

22 1. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for ~~hunting game~~  
23 ~~other than deer, antelope and elk, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the~~  
24 ~~license fee for hunting deer, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license~~

1 ~~fee for hunting antelope and elk~~ each license issued pursuant to  
2 paragraphs 1 through 6 of subsection C of this section and Two  
3 Dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) of the ~~five-day hunting license fee~~  
4 for each license issued pursuant to paragraph 7 of subsection C of  
5 this section shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition  
6 Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this  
7 title; and

8 2. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for each license  
9 issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 7 of subsection C of this  
10 section shall be for the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be  
11 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to the  
12 provisions of Section 4-141 of this title.

13 ~~2. Disability hunting license, residents of this state for at~~  
14 ~~least six (6) months and who are receiving Social Security~~  
15 ~~Disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits or~~  
16 ~~disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A.,~~  
17 ~~Section 231a or residents who are one hundred percent disabled and~~  
18 ~~are receiving disability payments from the Multiple Injury Trust~~  
19 ~~Fund pursuant to Section 173 of Title 85 of the Oklahoma Statutes,~~  
20 ~~may purchase a disability hunting license from the Director for Ten~~  
21 ~~Dollars (\$10.00) for five (5) years.~~

22 ~~3. Deer gun hunting license, residents, Nineteen Dollars~~  
23 ~~(\$19.00). There shall be no exemptions except:~~

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1           a. ~~residents sixty four (64) years of age or older~~  
2           ~~provided such residents have obtained a senior~~  
3           ~~citizen's license pursuant to the provisions of~~  
4           ~~Section 4 133 of this title,~~

5           b. ~~legal residents of Oklahoma under eighteen (18) years~~  
6           ~~of age provided such residents shall be required to~~  
7           ~~pay a deer gun hunting license fee of Nine Dollars~~  
8           ~~(\$9.00),~~

9           c. ~~residents with proper certification from the United~~  
10           ~~States Department of Veterans Affairs or its~~  
11           ~~successor, certifying that the person is a disabled~~  
12           ~~veteran in receipt of compensation at the one hundred~~  
13           ~~percent rate shall be exempt from the fees specified~~  
14           ~~pursuant to this paragraph, and~~

15           d. ~~residents hunting in big game or combination big game~~  
16           ~~and upland game commercial hunting areas shall be~~  
17           ~~exempt from the fees specified pursuant to this~~  
18           ~~paragraph.~~

19           4. ~~Deer archery hunting license, residents, Nineteen Dollars~~  
20           ~~(\$19.00) and for legal residents of Oklahoma under eighteen (18)~~  
21           ~~years of age, Nine Dollars (\$9.00). There shall be no exemptions~~  
22           ~~except residents with proper certification from the United States~~  
23           ~~Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor, certifying that the~~  
24           ~~person is a disabled veteran in receipt of compensation at the one~~

1 ~~hundred percent rate and residents hunting in big game or~~  
2 ~~combination big game and upland game commercial hunting areas shall~~  
3 ~~be exempt from the fees specified pursuant to this paragraph.~~

4 ~~5. Primitive firearms license, residents, Nineteen Dollars~~  
5 ~~(\$19.00) and for legal residents of Oklahoma under eighteen (18)~~  
6 ~~years of age, Nine Dollars (\$9.00). There shall be no exemptions~~  
7 ~~except residents with proper certification from the United States~~  
8 ~~Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor, certifying that the~~  
9 ~~person is a disabled veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-~~  
10 ~~hundred percent rate and residents hunting in big game or~~  
11 ~~combination big game and upland game commercial hunting areas shall~~  
12 ~~be exempt from the fees specified pursuant to this paragraph.~~

13 ~~6. Elk or antelope hunting license, residents, Fifty Dollars~~  
14 ~~(\$50.00). There shall be no exemptions except residents hunting in~~  
15 ~~big game or combination big game and upland game commercial hunting~~  
16 ~~areas shall be exempt from the fees specified pursuant to this~~  
17 ~~paragraph.~~

18 ~~7. Bonus, special or second deer gun hunting license,~~  
19 ~~residents, Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). No exemptions except:~~

20 ~~a. residents sixty five (65) years of age or older~~  
21 ~~provided such residents have obtained a senior~~  
22 ~~citizen's license pursuant to the provisions of~~  
23 ~~Section 4-133 of this title,~~

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1           ~~b. persons with proper certification from the United~~  
2           ~~States Department of Veterans Affairs or its~~  
3           ~~successor, certifying that the person is a disabled~~  
4           ~~veteran in receipt of compensation at the one hundred~~  
5           ~~percent rate shall be exempt from the fees specified~~  
6           ~~pursuant to this paragraph, and~~

7           ~~c. residents hunting in big game or combination big game~~  
8           ~~and upland game commercial hunting areas shall be~~  
9           ~~exempt from the fees specified pursuant to this~~  
10           ~~paragraph.~~

11           ~~D. The fees for E. Except as otherwise provided, the following~~  
12           ~~are the resident hunting licenses, except as provided for in the~~  
13           ~~Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, are issued pursuant to this~~  
14           ~~section and the fee for each license:~~

15           1. ~~For legal~~ Annual hunting license for residents eighteen (18)  
16           ~~years of age and older, Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00) - Twenty-four~~  
17           Dollars (\$24.00). Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the annual hunting  
18           license fee collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be for the  
19           Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp and shall be deposited in the Oklahoma  
20           Wildlife Land Fund created pursuant to Section 4-141 of this title;  
21           ~~for legal~~

22           2. Annual hunting license for residents sixteen (16) or  
23           ~~seventeen (17) years of age, - Four Dollars (\$4.00); and~~

1        ~~2. Commercial~~ 3. Ten-day hunting area license for residents  
2 for small game ten day permit, resident or nonresident, in a  
3 commercial hunting area - Five Dollars (\$5.00);

4        4. Five-year disability hunting license for residents of this  
5 state for at least six (6) months who are receiving Social Security  
6 Disability benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits or  
7 disability benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A.,  
8 Section 231a, or residents who are one-hundred-percent disabled and  
9 are receiving disability payments from the Multiple Injury Trust  
10 Fund pursuant to Section 173 of Title 85 of the Oklahoma Statutes -  
11 Ten Dollars (\$10.00);

12        5. Gun hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18)  
13 years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following  
14 persons shall be exempt:

15            a. residents sixty-four (64) years of age or older  
16            provided they have obtained a senior citizen lifetime  
17            license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-133 of  
18            this title,

19            b. residents with proper certification from the United  
20            States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
21            successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
22            veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
23            percent rate, and

1           c. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
2           and upland game commercial hunting areas;

3           6. Gun hunting license for deer for residents under eighteen  
4           (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);

5           7. Archery hunting license for deer for residents eighteen (18)  
6           years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following  
7           persons shall be exempt:

8           a. residents with proper certification from the United  
9           States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
10           successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
11           veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
12           percent rate, and

13           b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
14           and upland game commercial hunting areas;

15           8. Archery hunting license for deer for residents under  
16           eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);

17           9. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents  
18           eighteen (18) years of age or older - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00).

19           The following persons shall be exempt:

20           a. residents with proper certification from the United  
21           States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
22           successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
23           veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
24           percent rate, and

1           b. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
2                           and upland game commercial hunting areas;

3           10. Primitive firearms hunting license for deer for residents  
4 under eighteen (18) years of age - Nine Dollars (\$9.00);

5           11. Hunting license for elk for residents - Fifty Dollars  
6 (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and  
7 upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this  
8 license;

9           12. Hunting license for antelope for residents - Fifty Dollars  
10 (\$50.00). Residents hunting in big game or combination big game and  
11 upland game commercial hunting areas shall be exempt from this  
12 license; and

13           13. Bonus, special or additional gun hunting license for deer  
14 for residents - Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00). The following persons  
15 shall be exempt:

16           a. residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older  
17                           provided they have obtained a senior citizen lifetime  
18                           license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-133 of  
19                           this title,

20           b. residents with proper certification from the United  
21                           States Department of Veterans Affairs or its  
22                           successor, certifying that the person is a disabled  
23                           veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-  
24                           percent rate, and

1           c. residents hunting in big game or combination big game  
2           and upland game commercial hunting areas.

3           ~~E.~~ F. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to  
4 require a hunting license, resident or nonresident, of any person  
5 merely because the person participates, as owner or handler of an  
6 entry, as an official, or as a spectator in the conduct of a field  
7 trial or performance test of dogs, whether a resident or nonresident  
8 of the State of Oklahoma. No license to hunt shall be required of  
9 any person engaged in training or working dogs, provided that person  
10 is in no way engaged in hunting and does not take or attempt to take  
11 in any manner any game.

12           ~~F.~~ G. 1. Any person arrested for hunting game other than deer,  
13 antelope, elk, or turkey without a valid hunting license as required  
14 by the provisions of subsection A of this section may purchase a  
15 substitute temporary thirty-day license from the arresting game  
16 warden in lieu of posting bond. Proof of hunter safety  
17 certification will not be required for the temporary substitute  
18 license. The fee for a substitute license purchased pursuant to the  
19 provisions of this subsection shall be:

- 20           a. for legal residents, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
- 21           b. for nonresidents, One Hundred Forty-five Dollars  
22           (\$145.00).

23           2. Except as otherwise provided for by this subsection, the  
24 fees from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this

1 subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to  
2 be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving, and  
3 protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

4 ~~G.~~ H. Any person producing proof in court that a current  
5 hunting license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to  
6 that person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be  
7 entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon  
8 payment of court costs; ~~however, if.~~ If proof of a current hunting  
9 license is presented to the court or district attorney within  
10 seventy-two (72) hours after the violation, the charge shall be  
11 dismissed without payment of court costs.

12 ~~H.~~ I. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for  
13 by subsection ~~F~~ G of this section, any resident convicted of  
14 violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the  
15 imposition of a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)  
16 nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), or by imprisonment in  
17 the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by  
18 both.

19 ~~I.~~ J. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for  
20 by subsection ~~F~~ G of this section, any nonresident convicted of  
21 violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the  
22 imposition of a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)  
23 nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in  
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