

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 450

By: Corn and Ellis of the  
Senate

3 and

4 Brannon of the House

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7 An Act relating to game and fish; requiring a license  
8 to hunt or take black bear; directing the Wildlife  
9 Conservation Commission to establish certain limits  
10 on hunting or taking black bear; establishing license  
11 fees; establishing penalties for violation of license  
12 requirements; providing for codification; and  
13 declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-144 of Title 29, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. No person may hunt or take black bear without having first  
19 procured a license from the Director of Wildlife Conservation or an  
20 agent of the Director.

21 B. The Wildlife Conservation Commission shall decide the open  
22 season, the bag limits, and territorial limitations for hunting or  
23 taking black bear.

24 C. The fees for a license issued pursuant to this section shall  
be:

1. For legal residents, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); and

1        2. For nonresidents, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

2        D. Any person who fails to obtain a license as required in  
3 subsection A of this section and pay the fee as required in  
4 paragraph 1 of subsection C of this section, upon conviction, shall  
5 be punished by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)  
6 nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in  
7 the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by  
8 both such fine and imprisonment.

9        E. Any person who fails to obtain a license as required in  
10 subsection A of this section and pay the fee as required in  
11 paragraph 2 of subsection C of this section, upon conviction, shall  
12 be punished by a fine of not less than Eight Hundred Dollars  
13 (\$800.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by  
14 imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6)  
15 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

