

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1034

By: Sparks of the Senate

and

Schwartz of the House

An Act relating to wildlife; creating the Department of Wildlife Conservation Consolidation of Licenses, Permits, and Fees Task Force; providing expiration date; specifying duties; providing for membership; directing selection of chair and vice-chair; requiring quorum; providing for travel reimbursement; directing staff support by the Department of Wildlife Conservation; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until October 31, 2009, the Department of Wildlife Conservation Consolidation of Licenses, Permits, and Fees Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to study the feasibility of combining certain Department of Wildlife Conservation licenses, permits, and fees. The task force shall:

1. Review the purpose of the various licenses, permits, and fees of the Department of Wildlife Conservation; and

2. Make recommendations to the Legislature on the possibility of consolidating certain licenses, permits, and fees.

B. The task force shall be composed of ten (10) members as follows:

1. The Chair of the Tourism and Wildlife Committee of the Senate;

2. The Chair of the Wildlife Committee of the House of Representatives;

3. The principal Senate author of the bill;

4. The principal House author of the bill;

5. Three members of the Tourism and Wildlife Committee of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

6. Three members of the Wildlife Committee of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

C. The appointed members of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

D. The chair and vice-chair of the task force shall be designated by a joint agreement of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the chairs of the Tourism and Wildlife Committee of the Senate and the Wildlife Committee of the House of Representatives.

E. A quorum of the task force shall be six (6) members. A quorum of the task force shall be required in order for the task force to take any final action on recommendations to the Legislature.

F. Members of the task force shall not receive compensation for their service, but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

G. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

H. Prior to November 1, 2009, the task force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of April, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives