

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1275

By: Gumm of the Senate

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An Act relating to game and fish; authorizing certain persons to sell certain items under certain circumstances; stating requirements; providing for notification; adding definition; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-411.1 of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any taxidermist may sell any unclaimed specimen left in his or her possession in excess of six (6) months following notification by telephone that the specimen is completed provided that such person complies with the following requirements:

1. Each taxidermist shall keep on file the name, address, hunting license number, and any other information as may be required by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation relating to the owner of the unclaimed specimen;

2. Each taxidermist shall provide to the hunter who brings in a specimen a form to read as follows: "When your specimen is finished, you will be notified by telephone that your specimen is ready for pick up. If you do not pick up and pay any balances on

your specimen within six (6) months after that call, Oklahoma law allows taxidermists to sell any unclaimed specimen to recover costs in preparing the specimen."; and

3. Each taxidermist may sell the unclaimed specimen for an amount not to exceed the original price for mounting, preserving, tanning, or otherwise preparing the unclaimed specimen and any cost for notification, and shall only sell the unclaimed specimen to legal residents of Oklahoma.

B. As used in this section, "taxidermist" means a person who, for consideration, mounts, preserves, or otherwise prepares the body of any bird, animal, or fish, or any other part thereof, for display.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

Passed the Senate the 3rd day of March, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of April, 2010.

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of Representatives