

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 277

By: Schulz and Gumm of the
Senate

and

Armes and Fields of the
House

An Act relating to game and fish; requiring certain license for certain persons; requiring the Department of Wildlife Conservation to promulgate certain rules; setting fee; stating exemptions; setting penalties; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 4-113A of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, no person shall assist, accompany, transport, guide or aid persons in the taking of fish for compensation or other considerations without having first procured a license specified in subsection B of this section from the Director or from any of the authorized agents of the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

B. The Department shall promulgate rules for a fishing guide license, for persons who assist, accompany, transport, guide or aid persons in the taking of fish for compensation or other considerations.

C. The fee for a license under this section shall not exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) annually.

D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to landowners or agricultural lessees who provide such services on properties they own or lease.

E. The provisions of this section shall not exempt a person procuring a license pursuant to this section from any other fishing licenses as may be required by law.

F. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

SECTION 3. 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 13th day of May, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of May, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives