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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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ENGROSSED

Senate Bill No. 428

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 428 - By: ELLIS of the Senate and BAILEY of the House.

An Act relating to scenic rivers; amending 82 O.S. 2001, Section 1455, which relates to littering; prohibiting use of glass containers in certain vessels; stating penalty; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2001, Section 1455, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1455. A. It is recognized by the Legislature that littering by people using the "scenic river areas" is one of the most immediate threats to the scenic beauty of our free-flowing streams and surrounding areas.

B. Any law enforcement, police or peace officer, game wardens or any other personnel of the Wildlife Conservation Commission, the personnel of the Tourism and Recreation Department, any landowner in the area, or any other interested party may file a complaint to enforce the provisions of the Scenic Rivers Act.

C. Any person who deliberately places, throws, drops, deposits or discards any garbage, trash, waste, rubbish, refuse, debris or other deleterious substance on or near a

scenic river area shall be subject to the provisions of Section 1761.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. The use of glass containers for any purpose shall be prohibited in any boat, canoe, raft or inflatable watercraft in a scenic river area or on the Lower Mountain Fork River, south of the Broken Bow Lake Reregulation Dam to United States Highway 70. Any person found in violation of this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of Section 1761.1 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, dated 03-24-09 - DO PASS.

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