

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1031

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to wildlife; amending 29 O.S. 2001,
8 Sections 4-110, as last amended by Section 10,
9 Chapter 16, O.S.L. 2006 and 4-113, as last amended by
10 Section 5, Chapter 287, O.S.L. 2003(29 O.S. Supp.
11 2008, Sections 4-110 and 4-113), which relate to
12 fishing and hunting licenses; modifying certain
13 license fees; specifying distribution of certain
14 fees; providing an effective date; and declaring an
15 emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2001, Section 4-110, as
18 last amended by Section 10, Chapter 16, O.S.L. 2006 (29 O.S. Supp.
19 2008, Section 4-110), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 4-110. A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma
21 Wildlife Conservation Code, no person shall fish, pursue, harass,
22 catch, kill, take in any manner, use, have in possession, sell, or
23 transport all or any portion of fish without having first procured a
24 license for such from the Director or from any of the authorized
agents of the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The Wildlife
Conservation Commission may designate two (2) days per year in which

1 residents and nonresidents may fish without first procuring a
2 fishing license pursuant to the provisions of this section.

3 B. Pursuant to the provisions of this Code, persons excepted
4 from the license requirements of this section are:

5 1. Legal residents under sixteen (16) years of age and
6 nonresidents under sixteen (16) years of age from states which do
7 not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons under sixteen
8 (16) years of age;

9 2. Legal residents sixty-four (64) years of age or older and
10 nonresidents sixty-four (64) years of age or older from states which
11 do not require nonresident fishing licenses for persons sixty-four
12 (64) years of age or older, provided such resident has obtained a
13 senior citizen's license pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-133
14 of this title;

15 3. Legal residents born on or before January 1, 1923;

16 4. Legal resident veterans having a disability of sixty percent
17 (60%) or more;

18 5. Legal resident owners or tenants, their spouses, parents,
19 grandparents, children and their spouses, grandchildren and their
20 spouses who fish in private ponds on land owned or leased by them;

21 6. Every Oklahoma citizen who is serving in a branch of the
22 United States Armed Forces, is on properly authorized leave of
23 absence from military duty, has in possession proper written
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1 evidence showing such authorized leave, and is serving outside the
2 State of Oklahoma at the time of such fishing;

3 7. Any patient of an institution of the State of Oklahoma
4 established for the care and treatment of mental illness or alcohol
5 or drug dependency or any developmentally disabled person residing
6 in any group home or other institution or developmentally disabled
7 persons when accompanied by an attendant of such institution or
8 legal guardian of said patient, or when fishing on institutional
9 property;

10 8. Any person under eighteen (18) years of age who is in the
11 legal and physical custody of the State of Oklahoma or one of its
12 agencies by court order;

13 9. Any person under eighteen (18) years of age who is in the
14 physical custody of a child care facility as defined by Section 402
15 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

16 10. Any person who is legally blind or who has any other
17 physical impairment, as certified by a physician licensed in this
18 state or any state which borders this state, which prevents the
19 person from properly using fishing apparatus without the assistance
20 of another person, and any one person actually accompanying and
21 actually assisting such legally blind or otherwise physically
22 impaired person while the latter is fishing. This certification
23 shall be carried by the individual while fishing;

24 11. Nonresidents under fourteen (14) years of age;

1 12. Job Corps trainees of this state, provided that such
2 trainees shall have on their persons a duly authorized
3 identification card issued by their respective Job Corps Center and
4 shall present such card upon request, in lieu of a fishing license.
5 The trainees shall return their cards to their respective Job Corps
6 Center when the trainees leave their respective Job Corps training
7 programs;

8 13. Any legal resident having a proven disability which renders
9 the resident nonambulatory and confined to a wheelchair as certified
10 by a physician licensed in this state or any state which borders
11 this state;

12 14. Any person who is fishing with a pole and line, trotline,
13 or throwline in streams, natural lakes, natural ponds, and mine pits
14 in the county in which the person is a resident, or in streams,
15 natural lakes, natural ponds, and mine pits which form a part of the
16 boundary line of the county in which the person is a resident, when
17 using any bait other than commercial or artificial bait, blood,
18 stink bait, cut fish, and shrimp; and

19 15. Any person participating in an aquatic education event or
20 clinic sanctioned by the Department of Wildlife Conservation.

21 C. Except as otherwise provided for in the Oklahoma Wildlife
22 Conservation Code, the fee for an annual license issued pursuant to
23 the provisions of this section shall be:
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1 1. For legal residents eighteen (18) years of age and older,
2 ~~Nineteen Dollars (\$19.00)~~ Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00); for legal
3 residents sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age, Four Dollars
4 (\$4.00). For a two-day resident permit license, ~~Nine Dollars (\$9.00)~~
5 Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00). Of the amount of monies collected
6 pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, Five Dollars (\$5.00)
7 of each license fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Acquisition
8 Fund created pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this
9 title; and

10 2. For nonresidents, ~~Thirty six Dollars (\$36.00)~~ Forty-one
11 Dollars (\$41.00), provided the Commission may enter into reciprocity
12 agreements with states wherein nonresident license fees shall be in
13 conformity with such reciprocal agreements. For a five-day
14 nonresident permit license, ~~Seventeen Dollars and fifty cents~~
15 ~~(\$17.50)~~ Twenty-two Dollars and fifty cents (\$22.50). Of the amount
16 of monies collected pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph,
17 Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license fee for nonresidents, and One
18 Dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of the five-day nonresident permit
19 fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Land Acquisition Fund created
20 pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this title.

21 D. Legal residents who have resided in this state for at least
22 six (6) months and who are receiving Social Security Disability
23 benefits, Supplemental Security Income benefits, disability benefits
24 under the Railroad Retirement Act, 45 U.S.C.A., Section 231a,

1 postal employees receiving disability benefits pursuant to 5,
2 U.S.C., Section 8451 (1998) or legal residents who are one hundred
3 percent (100%) disabled and are receiving disability payments from
4 the Multiple Injury Trust Fund pursuant to Section 173 of Title 85
5 of the Oklahoma Statutes, may purchase a disability fishing license
6 from the Director for Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for five (5) years.

7 E. 1. Any person arrested while violating the provisions of
8 this section who does not meet the requirements of subsection H of
9 this section, may purchase a substitute temporary thirty-day license
10 from the arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. The fee for
11 a substitute license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this
12 subsection shall be:

- 13 a. for legal residents, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
- 14 b. for nonresidents, Ninety Dollars (\$90.00).

15 2. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the fees
16 from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this
17 subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to
18 be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving, and
19 protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

20 F. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by
21 subsection E of this section, any resident of this state convicted
22 of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by the
23 imposition of a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)
24 nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment in

1 the county jail for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by
2 both said fine and imprisonment.

3 G. Unless a substitute license is purchased as provided for by
4 subsection E of this section, any nonresident convicted of violating
5 this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty
6 Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or by
7 imprisonment in the county jail for a period not more than thirty
8 (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

9 H. Any person producing proof in court that a current fishing
10 license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation to such
11 person was in force at the time of the alleged offense shall be
12 entitled to dismissal of a charge of violating this section upon
13 payment of court costs; however, if proof of fishing license is
14 presented to the court or district attorney within seventy-two (72)
15 hours after the violation, the charge shall be dismissed without
16 payment of court costs.

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2001, Section 4-113, as
18 last amended by Section 5, Chapter 287, O.S.L. 2003 (29 O.S. Supp.
19 2008, Section 4-113), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 4-113. A. All legal residents who are not the
21 individuals excepted from the license requirement as provided in
22 subsection B of Section 4-112 of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation
23 Code may purchase an annual combination hunting/fishing license from
24 the Director or agents of the Director.

1 B. The fee for a license under this section for legal residents
2 eighteen (18) years of age and older shall be ~~Thirty six Dollars~~
3 ~~(\$36.00)~~ Forty-one Dollars (\$41.00); for legal residents sixteen
4 (16) or seventeen (17) years of age, ~~Eight Dollars (\$8.00)~~ Thirteen
5 Dollars (\$13.00). Of the amount of monies collected pursuant to the
6 provisions of this subsection, Five Dollars (\$5.00) of the license
7 fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Acquisition Fund created
8 pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-132 of this title.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

10 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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