

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2533

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7 SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to game and fish; prohibiting persons
9 from capturing nuisance wildlife for commercial
10 purposes without a nuisance wildlife control operator
11 permit; requiring completion of the nuisance wildlife
12 control operator certification examination; exempting
13 certain persons from permit requirements; setting the
14 annual fee for the permit; providing a penalty for
15 violations; authorizing revocation of permit for
16 violations; providing for codification; and declaring
17 an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-135.1 of Title 29, unless
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. Except as otherwise provided in this title, no person shall
23 trap, capture, possess, transport, relocate or euthanize any
24 nuisance wildlife for commercial purposes under rules promulgated by
the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission without first

1 procuring a nuisance wildlife control operator permit from the
2 Director.

3 B. A nuisance wildlife control operator permit may be issued
4 only to those persons who have successfully completed the nuisance
5 wildlife control operator certification examination provided by the
6 Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

7 C. Employees of any federal, state, county or local
8 governmental entity designated to control nuisance wildlife while on
9 duty shall be exempt from the nuisance wildlife control operator
10 permit requirement set forth in this section.

11 D. The annual fee for the nuisance wildlife control operator
12 permit shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

13 E. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this
14 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not
15 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Hundred
16 Dollars (\$200.00) for residents and not less than Five Hundred
17 Dollars (\$500.00) for nonresidents.

18 F. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this
19 section may have their nuisance wildlife control operator permit
20 revoked for a period of up to three (3) years or permanently revoked
21 as deemed appropriate by the Director.

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

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