

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2533

By: Pruett of the House

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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