

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2920

By: Martin (Steve) of the House
and
Coates of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.
8 2011, Section 5-502, which relates to trapping
9 devices; allowing certain traps; and providing an
10 effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 5-502, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 5-502. A. Except as otherwise provided by law, no
15 person may use, set, construct, possess or tend any trap, snare,
16 deadfall or other device for the purpose of catching any wildlife,
17 except fish and frogs, in this state, except ~~that he~~ use:

- 18 1. Box traps; ~~and~~
- 19 2. Smooth-jawed single-spring or smooth-jawed double-spring
20 offset, leg-hold steel traps with a jaw spread of:
 - 21 a. no more than eight (8) inches for land sets, and
 - 22 b. no more than eight (8) inches for water sets; and
- 23 3. Enclosed trigger traps.

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1 B. No trap so used may be set "in the open", or in paths,
2 roads, or runways commonly used by persons, domestic animals or
3 dogs.

4 C. Any trap set for the purpose of catching any wildlife shall
5 be tended once during each twenty-four (24) hours. All traps must
6 bear the owner's name or identification attached thereto, except for
7 any person trapping on his own property. Any person violating this
8 subsection shall, in addition to any criminal penalty, be civilly
9 liable for all damages caused by such violation.

10 D. On any lands where smooth-jawed double-spring offset traps
11 are used, the posting of signs shall be required to the right and
12 left of all entrances from public roads and highways and from
13 adjacent lands and at corners of perimeter fences, provided that
14 this requirement shall not apply to any person trapping on his own
15 property. Size, character and wording of these signs are to be
16 determined by the State Wildlife Conservation Commission.

17 E. Employees of the State Department of Agriculture Wildlife
18 Services Division and the United States Department of Agriculture
19 Wildlife Services while engaged in wildlife management activities
20 for the protection of agriculture, property, human health and safety
21 and natural resources shall be exempt from the provisions of this
22 section. Employees engaging in such wildlife management activities
23 on any lands where smooth-jawed double-spring offset traps are used
24 shall be required to post signs which comply with federal

1 requirements to the right and left of all entrances from public
2 roads and highways and from adjacent lands and at corners of
3 perimeter fences.

4 F. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of
5 this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than
6 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars
7 (\$200.00).

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 2012.

9 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House of
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Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2012.

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