

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1178

By: Allen of the Senate

3 and

4 Bennett of the House

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6 An Act relating to wildlife; amending 29 O.S. 2011,
7 Section 4-144, which relates to hunting and taking
8 black bear; requiring certain tag; modifying certain
9 fee requirement; providing an effective date; and
10 declaring an emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-144, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 4-144. A. No person may hunt or take black bear
15 without having first procured a license from the Director of
16 Wildlife Conservation or an agent of the Director.

17 B. The Wildlife Conservation Commission shall decide the open
18 season, the bag limits, and territorial limitations for hunting or
19 taking black bear.

20 C. Persons who hunt and take black bear pursuant to this
21 section shall be required to attach a tag to a killed black bear.

22 D. The fees for a license issued pursuant to this section shall
23 be:

24 1. For legal residents, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00); ~~and~~

1 2. For nonresidents, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); and

2 3. For legal residents who have a lifetime hunting license or a
3 lifetime combination hunting and fishing license issued before July
4 1, 2012, there shall be no fee for a license issued pursuant to this
5 section.

6 ~~D.~~ E. Any person who fails to obtain a license as required in
7 subsection A of this section and pay the fee as required in
8 paragraph 1 of subsection ~~E~~ D of this section, upon conviction,
9 shall be punished by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars
10 (\$200.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by
11 imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6)
12 months, or by both ~~said~~ fine and imprisonment.

13 ~~E.~~ F. Any person who fails to obtain a license as required in
14 subsection A of this section and pay the fee as required in
15 paragraph 2 of subsection ~~E~~ D of this section, upon conviction,
16 shall be punished by a fine of not less than Eight Hundred Dollars
17 (\$800.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by
18 imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6)
19 months, or by both ~~said~~ fine and imprisonment.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

21 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
23 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
24 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

1 Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2012.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2012.

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