

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

4   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5   FOR  
6   HOUSE BILL NO. 1708

                                  By: Hilliard

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9           An Act relating to game and fish; providing license  
10          for commercial importation of certain aquatic  
11          species; providing for determination of fees;  
12          allowing for renewal of license; limiting scope of  
13          license; providing penalty for violation; providing  
14          for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

16           SECTION 1.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified  
17          in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-145 of Title 29, unless there  
18          is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19           A.   No person may ship or transport for the purpose of sale  
20          catfish, fingerlings, fish, frogs, or other aquatic species into  
21          this state without having first procured a license from the Director  
22          of Wildlife Conservation.

1 B. The initial fee for a license issued pursuant to the  
2 provisions of this section, and the annual fee for the renewal of  
3 the license, shall be an amount established by the Wildlife  
4 Conservation Commission that is comparable to the fees charged for  
5 similar licenses required in surrounding states.

6 C. All licenses may be renewed so long as the applicant remains  
7 in operation, in the transportation and selling of a particular  
8 aquatic species and in compliance with the provisions of this  
9 section and rules promulgated pursuant thereto.

10 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the  
11 importation or exportation of minnows and other fish species that  
12 are subject to the provisions of Sections 4-105, 4-115 and 7-602 of  
13 Title 29 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

14 E. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this  
15 section shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred  
16 Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period  
17 not to exceed ten (10) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
21 02-24-2011 - DO PASS, As Amended.