

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 SENATE BILL 1591

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to hunting and fishing licenses;  
8 amending 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-114, which relates  
9 to hunting, fishing, and combination hunting and  
10 fishing lifetime licenses; providing for the  
inheritance of certain lifetime licenses; requiring  
11 certain report; providing for certain reimbursement;  
12 and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-114, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 4-114. A. All legal residents who have resided in the  
17 state for at least six (6) months may purchase lifetime fishing  
18 licenses, lifetime hunting licenses or lifetime combination hunting  
19 and fishing licenses from the State Wildlife Conservation Director.

20 B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

21 1. Lifetime fishing license, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00);

22 2. Lifetime hunting license, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00);

23 3. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, Seven  
24 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00);

1 4. Senior citizen lifetime hunting license for persons sixty-  
2 five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00);

3 5. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons sixty-  
4 five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and

5 6. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing  
6 license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Twenty-  
7 five Dollars (\$25.00).

8 C. Legal resident having proper certification from the United  
9 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor certifying  
10 that the person is a disabled veteran may purchase a disability  
11 lifetime combination hunting and fishing license from the State  
12 Wildlife Conservation Director. The fees for the license shall be  
13 as follows:

14 1. Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for veterans having a  
15 disability of less than sixty percent (60%); and

16 2. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for veterans having a  
17 disability of sixty percent (60%) or more.

18 D. The use of the licenses provided in this section are subject  
19 to those restrictions provided by statute and the regulations of the  
20 Wildlife Conservation Commission. Except as otherwise provided for  
21 in this section, each lifetime hunting license issued pursuant to  
22 subsections B and C of this section shall be in lieu of all annual  
23 hunting licenses and all special season permits.

1 E. Should any lifetime license be lost or destroyed, a  
2 duplicate will be issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation  
3 for a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

4 F. A lifetime licensee shall not lose the privileges of such  
5 license by a subsequent transfer of residency.

6 G. 1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to paragraphs 1  
7 through 3 of subsection B of this section, a person purchasing a  
8 lifetime fishing, hunting or combination license, excluding a senior  
9 citizen lifetime hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing  
10 license issued pursuant to paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of  
11 this section and a disability lifetime combination hunting and  
12 fishing license issued pursuant to subsection C of this section,  
13 shall be required to purchase a Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land  
14 Stamp. Each person shall have the stamp in their possession while  
15 hunting, fishing, or taking any wildlife. The fee for the Lifetime  
16 Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).  
17 The fee for the stamp shall be distributed as follows:

- 18 a. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) from each stamp shall be  
19 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created  
20 in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used to retire  
21 the obligations and related expenses as authorized  
22 pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma  
23 Statutes or to purchase, lease, or purchase easements  
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1 on real property to be used as public hunting,  
2 fishing, and trapping areas, and

3 b. Five Dollars (\$5.00) from each stamp shall be  
4 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created  
5 in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used by the  
6 Commission for management of the real property  
7 acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the  
8 Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the  
9 Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.

10 2. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission shall  
11 prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the  
12 Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp.

13 3. Within one (1) year of the final retirement, redemption, or  
14 defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to Section 168.9 of  
15 Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife  
16 Land Stamp and Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee  
17 requirements provided for in this subsection shall terminate.

18 H. A person who is sixty-four (64) years of age shall be  
19 eligible to purchase a senior citizen lifetime license issued  
20 pursuant to paragraphs 4 through 6 of subsection B of this section  
21 during the calendar year in which the person turns sixty-five (65)  
22 years of age.

23 I. The fee for a lifetime fishing license, a lifetime hunting  
24 license, or a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license

1 issued pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 3 of subsection B of this  
2 section for a legal resident under eighteen (18) years of age may be  
3 paid for by installments not to exceed a three-year period of time  
4 and in a manner determined by the Director. The lifetime license  
5 shall not be issued and become valid until full payment is received  
6 by the Department of Wildlife Conservation. If the entire amount of  
7 the license fee is not received within three (3) years from the date  
8 the application for installment payments is submitted to the  
9 Department, all funds received shall be forfeited and shall not be  
10 refunded.

11 J. All lineal descendants of a hunting, fishing or combination  
12 hunting and fishing lifetime licensee who died in the line of duty  
13 during a wartime operation shall inherit the lifetime license. The  
14 Department shall calculate the revenue lost due to any inherited  
15 licenses in the previous fiscal year and report that amount to the  
16 State Board of Equalization by November 30 of each calendar year.  
17 At its meeting in December 2014, and December of each subsequent  
18 year, held pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of Section 23  
19 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution, the State Board of  
20 Equalization shall determine the total amount of revenue necessary  
21 to reimburse the Department for the fiscal year that ended June 30  
22 of that year and subtract such amount from the amount it certifies  
23 as available for appropriation from the General Revenue Fund by the  
24 Legislature for the upcoming fiscal year.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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