STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1597 By: Vaughan

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-139, which relates to the migratory bird and Sandhill Crane permits; declaring that no person is exempt from the Sandhill Crane permit requirements; limiting certain exemptions to the migratory bird permit requirements; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-139, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-139. A. Any person who hunts, takes, or attempts to take any migratory bird shall be required to obtain from the Director any federally required permit for migratory birds.

B. The fee for a migratory bird permit under subsection A of this section shall be Two Dollars ($2.00) for residents and nonresidents. By July 1, 2004, the Wildlife Conservation Commission shall develop and implement an Internet-based electronic application by which persons may apply for a migratory bird permit. For any person who makes application for and fills out the required

information for the migratory bird permit by means of the Internet, the two-dollar fee shall be waived.

C. In addition to the permit required in subsection A of this section, any person who hunts, takes, or attempts to take a Sandhill Crane shall be required to obtain from the Director a Sandhill Crane permit. The fee for a Sandhill Crane permit shall be Two Dollars ($2.00) for residents and nonresidents. No persons shall be exempt from the permit requirements of this subsection.

D. Persons exempt from the migratory bird permit requirements of subsections A and B of this section are:

1. Persons under sixteen (16) years of age;

2. Persons age sixty-four (64) or older; and

3. A landowner hunting only on their own property.

E. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of Ten Dollars ($10.00).

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

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