

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 HOUSE BILL 2618

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to game and fish; prohibiting persons  
8 from capturing nuisance wildlife for commercial  
9 purposes without a nuisance wildlife control operator  
10 permit; requiring completion of the nuisance wildlife  
11 control operator certification examination; exempting  
12 certain persons from permit and testing requirements;  
13 setting the annual fee for the permit; providing  
14 penalty for violations; authorizing revocation of  
15 permit for violations; providing for codification;  
16 and providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-135.1 of Title 29, unless  
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. Except as otherwise provided in this title, no person shall  
22 trap, capture, possess, transport, relocate or euthanize any  
23 nuisance wildlife for commercial purposes under rules promulgated by  
24 the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission without first  
procuring a nuisance wildlife control operator permit from the  
Director of Wildlife Conservation.

1 B. A nuisance wildlife control operator permit may be issued  
2 only to those persons who have successfully completed the nuisance  
3 wildlife control operator certification examination provided by the  
4 Department of Wildlife Conservation.

5 C. Employees of any federal, state, county or local  
6 governmental entity designated to control nuisance wildlife while on  
7 duty shall be exempt from the nuisance wildlife control operator  
8 permit and testing requirements set forth in this section.

9 D. The annual fee for the nuisance wildlife control operator  
10 permit shall be Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00).

11 E. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this  
12 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not  
13 less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Hundred  
14 Dollars (\$200.00) for residents and not less than Five Hundred  
15 Dollars (\$500.00) for nonresidents.

16 F. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this  
17 section may have their nuisance wildlife control operator permit  
18 revoked for a period of up to three (3) years or permanently revoked  
19 as deemed appropriate by the Director.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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