HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

HOUSE BILL 1774 By: McCall of the House

and

Simpson of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-138, which relates to wildlife conservation passports; authorizing the Wildlife Conservation Commission to establish certain passport; authorizing the Commission to assess certain fee; modifying exemption; authorizing purchase of certain substitute license under certain circumstances; directing certain fees be deposited into Wildlife Conservation Fund; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-138, is amended to read as follows:

Section 4-138. A. The Wildlife Conservation Commission may establish ~~a~~ special use ~~permit~~ permits to be designated the:

1. "Annual Wildlife Conservation Passport"; and

2. "Three-Day Wildlife Conservation Passport".

~~The~~ A Passport shall be required of all persons not otherwise exempt as provided for in subsection C of this section, who enter or

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use land owned by the Commission and that has been designated by the Commission as requiring a Passport.

B. The Commission may establish and assess ~~an annual~~:

1. A fee of not more than One Dollar ($1.00) above the cost of an annual resident hunting or fishing license for the Annual Wildlife Conservation Passport; and

2. A fee of not more than Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) for the Three-Day Wildlife Conservation Passport.

Each person, not otherwise exempt as provided for in subsection C of this section, entering or using a designated area of land shall be required to have a Passport in their possession while in the area.

C. The following persons shall be exempt from the Passport requirements of this section:

1. All persons who possess a valid Oklahoma ~~annual~~ fishing, hunting or combination ~~resident fishing or hunting~~ license, ~~an annual nonresident fishing or hunting license,~~ a lifetime resident or nonresident fishing, hunting, or combination license, a senior citizen lifetime fishing or hunting license, or a disability fishing or hunting license;

2. ~~Legal residents of Oklahoma who are~~ Persons under ~~eighteen (18)~~ sixteen (16) years of age ~~on the first day of the current calendar year~~; and

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3. Students and instructors participating in bona fide educational tours or activities sponsored or organized by an educational institution or entity or any other organized event sanctioned in advance by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. Sponsors of such activities shall provide notice of the date and number of persons participating in the activity to the Department of Wildlife Conservation for approval not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the activity.

D. 1. Any person arrested while violating the provisions of this section may purchase a temporary thirty-day license from the arresting game warden in lieu of posting bond. The fee for a substitute license purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be:

a. Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for legal residents of this state, and

b. Ninety Dollars ($90.00) for nonresidents.

2. The fees from licenses purchased pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund to be used exclusively for developing, managing, preserving and protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, dated 02/23/2015 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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