

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1654

By: Vaughan

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to game and fish; requiring certain persons to procure a hunting guide license; requiring the Department of Wildlife Conservation to promulgate hunting guide license rules; setting fee; providing exemptions; requiring persons with a hunting guide license to have all other required hunting licenses; setting penalties; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4-113B of Title 29, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Code, no person shall assist, accompany, transport, guide or aid persons in the taking of wildlife for compensation without having first procured a license specified in subsection B of this section from the Director of the Department of Wildlife Conservation or from any of the authorized agents of the Department.

1 B. The Department shall promulgate rules for a hunting guide
2 license, for persons who assist, accompany, transport, guide or aid
3 persons in the taking of wildlife for compensation.

4 C. The fee for a license under this section shall be One
5 Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for resident and Three Hundred Dollars
6 (\$300.00) for nonresident annually.

7 D. The provisions of this section shall not apply to landowners
8 or agricultural lessees who provide such services on properties they
9 own or lease. It shall be unlawful to guide on any lakes or lands
10 owned or managed by the Department of Wildlife Conservation. The
11 provisions of this section shall not apply to persons guiding upland
12 bird hunts on commercially licensed upland hunting areas or persons
13 guiding for big game on commercially licensed big game hunting
14 areas, nor shall it apply to persons involved in hunting dog trials
15 or performance tests sanctioned by the Department of Wildlife
16 Conservation or a nationally recognized hunting dog organization.

17 E. The provisions of this section shall not exempt a person
18 procuring a license pursuant to this section from any other hunting
19 licenses as may be required by law.

20 F. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this
21 section shall be punished by a fine of One Thousand Dollars
22 (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not
23 to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
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1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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