

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE BILL 649

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to hunting and trapping; amending 29
8 O.S. 2011, Section 5-502, as amended by Section 1,
9 Chapter 165, O.S.L. 2012 (29 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section
10 5-502), specifying certain lands for displaying
11 signage; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 5-502, as
14 amended by Section 1, Chapter 165, O.S.L. 2012 (29 O.S. Supp. 2014,
15 Section 5-502), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 5-502. A. Except as otherwise provided by law, no
17 person may use, set, construct, possess or tend any trap, snare,
18 deadfall or other device for the purpose of catching any wildlife,
19 except fish and frogs, in this state, except:

20 1. Box traps;

21 2. Smooth-jawed single-spring or smooth-jawed double-spring
22 offset, leg-hold steel traps with a jaw spread of:

23 a. no more than eight (8) inches for land sets, and

24 b. no more than eight (8) inches for water sets; and

1 3. Enclosed trigger traps.

2 B. No trap so used may be set "in the open", or in paths,
3 roads, or runways commonly used by persons, domestic animals or
4 dogs.

5 C. Any trap set for the purpose of catching any wildlife shall
6 be tended once during each twenty-four (24) hours. All traps must
7 bear the owner's name or identification attached thereto, except for
8 any person trapping on his own property. Any person violating this
9 subsection shall, in addition to any criminal penalty, be civilly
10 liable for all damages caused by such violation.

11 D. On any public lands where smooth-jawed double-spring offset
12 traps are used, the posting of signs shall be required to the right
13 and left of all entrances from public roads and highways and from
14 adjacent lands and at corners of perimeter fences, provided that
15 this requirement shall not apply to any person trapping on his own
16 property. Size, character and wording of these signs are to be
17 determined by the State Wildlife Conservation Commission.

18 E. Employees of the State Department of Agriculture Wildlife
19 Services Division and the United States Department of Agriculture
20 Wildlife Services while engaged in wildlife management activities
21 for the protection of agriculture, property, human health and safety
22 and natural resources shall be exempt from the provisions of this
23 section. Employees engaging in such wildlife management activities
24 on any lands where smooth-jawed double-spring offset traps are used

1 shall be required to post signs which comply with federal
2 requirements to the right and left of all entrances from public
3 roads and highways and from adjacent lands and at corners of
4 perimeter fences.

5 F. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of
6 this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-
7 five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

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

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