

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1488

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to the Wildlife Conservation Code;
9 amending 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-114, as amended by
10 Section 1, Chapter 112, O.S.L. 2014 (29 O.S. Supp.
11 2017, Section 4-114), which relates to hunting and
12 fishing lifetime licenses; creating the lifetime
13 landowner hunting license; establishing parameters
14 and fees; allowing for transfer of license after
15 certain time; requiring Department of Wildlife
16 Conservation to promulgate rules; and providing an
17 effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-114, as
20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 112, O.S.L. 2014 (29 O.S. Supp. 2017,
21 Section 4-114), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 4-114. A. All legal residents who have resided in the
23 state for at least six (6) months and intend to remain residents may
24 purchase lifetime fishing licenses, lifetime hunting licenses,
lifetime landowner hunting licenses or lifetime combination hunting
and fishing licenses from the State Wildlife Conservation Director;

1 provided, that nonresidents may also purchase a lifetime landowner
2 hunting license.

3 B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

4 1. Lifetime fishing license, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00);

5 2. Lifetime hunting license, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00);

6 3. Lifetime landowner hunting license for any tract of land
7 five hundred (500) up to one thousand (1,000) acres, Fifty Thousand
8 Dollars (\$50,000.00);

9 4. Lifetime landowner hunting license for any tract of land one
10 thousand (1,000) acres or more, Seventy-five Thousand Dollars
11 (\$75,000.00);

12 5. Lifetime combination hunting and fishing license, Seven
13 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00);

14 ~~4.~~ 6. Senior citizen lifetime hunting license for persons
15 sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00);

16 ~~5.~~ 7. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons
17 sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and

18 ~~6.~~ 8. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing
19 license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Twenty-
20 five Dollars (\$25.00).

21 C. Legal resident having proper certification from the United
22 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor certifying
23 that the person is a disabled veteran may purchase a disability
24 lifetime combination hunting and fishing license from the State

1 Wildlife Conservation Director. The fees for the license shall be
2 as follows:

3 1. Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for veterans having a
4 disability of less than sixty percent (60%); and

5 2. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for veterans having a
6 disability of sixty percent (60%) or more.

7 D. The use of the licenses provided in this section are subject
8 to those restrictions provided by statute and the regulations of the
9 Wildlife Conservation Commission. Except as otherwise provided for
10 in this section, each lifetime hunting license issued pursuant to
11 subsections B and C of this section shall be in lieu of all annual
12 hunting licenses and all special season permits.

13 E. Should any lifetime license be lost or destroyed, a
14 duplicate will be issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation
15 for a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00).

16 F. A lifetime licensee, except for the lifetime landowner
17 hunting license, shall not lose the privileges of such license by a
18 subsequent transfer of residency.

19 G. 1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to paragraphs 1
20 through ~~3~~ 5 of subsection B of this section, a person purchasing a
21 lifetime fishing, hunting, landowner hunting or combination license,
22 excluding a senior citizen lifetime hunting, fishing or combination
23 hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to paragraphs ~~4~~ 6
24 through ~~6~~ 8 of subsection B of this section and a disability

1 lifetime combination hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to
2 subsection C of this section, shall be required to purchase a
3 Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp. Each person shall have the
4 stamp in their possession while hunting, fishing, or taking any
5 wildlife. The fee for the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp
6 shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). The fee for the stamp shall
7 be distributed as follows:

8 a. Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) from each stamp shall be
9 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created
10 in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used to retire
11 the obligations and related expenses as authorized
12 pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the Oklahoma
13 Statutes or to purchase, lease, or purchase easements
14 on real property to be used as public hunting,
15 fishing, and trapping areas, and

16 b. Five Dollars (\$5.00) from each stamp shall be
17 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created
18 in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used by the
19 Commission for management of the real property
20 acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the
21 Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the
22 Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.

1 2. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Wildlife Conservation Commission shall
2 prescribe, by rule, the form, design, and manner of issuance of the
3 Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp.

4 3. Within one (1) year of the final retirement, redemption, or
5 defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to Section 168.9 of
6 Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife
7 Land Stamp and Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee
8 requirements provided for in this subsection shall terminate.

9 H. A person who is sixty-four (64) years of age shall be
10 eligible to purchase a senior citizen lifetime license issued
11 pursuant to paragraphs ~~4~~ 6 through ~~6~~ 8 of subsection B of this
12 section during the calendar year in which the person turns sixty-
13 five (65) years of age.

14 I. The fee for a lifetime fishing license, a lifetime hunting
15 license, or a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license
16 issued pursuant to paragraphs ~~1 through 3~~, 2 and 5 of subsection B
17 of this section for a legal resident under eighteen (18) years of
18 age may be paid for by installments not to exceed a three-year
19 period of time and in a manner determined by the Director. The
20 lifetime license shall not be issued and become valid until full
21 payment is received by the Department of Wildlife Conservation. If
22 the entire amount of the license fee is not received within three
23 (3) years from the date the application for installment payments is
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1 submitted to the Department, all funds received shall be forfeited
2 and shall not be refunded.

3 J. Lifetime landowner hunting licenses shall be available for
4 purchase by a recorded owner of a tract of land at least five
5 hundred (500) acres in size and located in Oklahoma. The licenses
6 shall only be valid for hunting on the land for which the lifetime
7 landowner license was issued. The Department of Wildlife
8 Conservation shall issue up to twenty landowner licenses for tracts
9 of land five hundred (500) up to one thousand (1,000) acres in size
10 and forty licenses for tracts of land one thousand (1,000) acres or
11 more to the landowner. The landowner may designate and assign
12 licenses to other persons whom are authorized to hunt on his or her
13 land for which the licenses were issued, provided, that each license
14 shall only be assigned to one person per year. The landowner shall
15 submit a yearly report to the Department. All licenses issued
16 pursuant to this subsection, where the landowner has owned the land
17 for seven (7) consecutive years, shall run with the land and shall
18 automatically be transferred upon a change of ownership of the
19 affected property within the chain of title of which the licenses
20 have been recorded. All rights, privileges, obligations and
21 responsibilities specified in the licenses eligible to be
22 transferred shall be transferred to the new landowner upon recording
23 of the changed ownership. The Department of Wildlife Conservation
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1 shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this
2 subsection.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.
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