

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3371

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An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-114, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 112, O.S.L. 2014 (29 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 4-114), which relates to hunting, fishing, and hunting and fishing combination lifetime licenses; allowing certain residents and nonresidents to purchase a lifetime landowner combination hunting and fishing license; updating references; providing fees for lifetime landowner combination hunting and fishing licenses; updating citations and references; creating lifetime landowner combination hunting and fishing licenses for certain tracts of land; describing areas license is valid for hunting and fishing activities; providing for additional licenses issued by the landowner; requiring a yearly report be submitted to the Department; providing for termination and transfer of licenses under certain circumstances; directing the Department of Wildlife Conservation to promulgate rules; and providing an effective date.

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

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

1 Section 4-114. A. All legal residents who have resided in the
2 state for at least six (6) months and intend to remain residents may
3 purchase lifetime fishing licenses, lifetime hunting licenses,
4 lifetime landowner combination hunting and fishing licenses or
5 lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses from the ~~State~~
6 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Director; provided that nonresidents
7 may also purchase a lifetime landowner combination hunting and
8 fishing license.

9 B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

10 1. Lifetime fishing license, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00);
11 2. Lifetime hunting license, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00);
12 3. Lifetime landowner combination hunting and fishing license
13 for any tract of land five hundred (500) up to one thousand (1,000)
14 acres, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00);

15 4. Lifetime landowner combination hunting and fishing license
16 for any tract of land one thousand (1,000) acres or more, Seventy-
17 five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00);

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

20 ~~4.~~ 6. Senior citizen lifetime hunting license for persons
21 sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00);

22 ~~5.~~ 7. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons
23 sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and
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1 ~~6.~~ 8. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing
2 license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Twenty-
3 five Dollars (\$25.00).

4 C. Legal resident having proper certification from the United
5 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor certifying
6 that the person is a disabled veteran may purchase a disability
7 lifetime combination hunting and fishing license from the ~~State~~
8 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Director. The fees for the license
9 shall be as follows:

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

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

14 D. The use of the licenses provided in this section are subject
15 to those restrictions provided by statute and the regulations of the
16 Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. Except as otherwise
17 provided for in this section, each lifetime hunting license issued
18 pursuant to subsections B and C of this section shall be in lieu of
19 all annual hunting licenses and all special season permits.

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

23 F. A lifetime licensee shall not lose the privileges of such
24 license by a subsequent transfer of residency.

1 G. 1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to paragraphs 1
2 through ~~3~~ 5 of subsection B of this section, a person purchasing a
3 lifetime fishing, hunting ~~or~~, lifetime landowner combination or
4 lifetime combination license, excluding a senior citizen lifetime
5 hunting, fishing or combination hunting and fishing license issued
6 pursuant to paragraphs ~~4~~ 6 through ~~6~~ 8 of subsection B of this
7 section and a disability lifetime combination hunting and fishing
8 license issued pursuant to subsection C of this section, shall be
9 required to purchase a Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp. Each
10 person shall have the stamp in their possession while hunting,
11 fishing, or taking any wildlife. The fee for the Lifetime Oklahoma
12 Wildlife Land Stamp shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). The fee
13 for the stamp shall be distributed as follows:

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

22 b. Five Dollars (\$5.00) from each stamp shall be
23 deposited in the Oklahoma Wildlife Land Fund, created
24 in Section 4-141 of this title, to be used by the

Commission for management of the real property
acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the
Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the
Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.

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

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

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

I. The fee for a lifetime fishing license, a lifetime hunting
license, or a lifetime combination hunting and fishing license
issued pursuant to paragraphs ~~1 through 3~~, 2 and 5 of subsection B
of this section for a legal resident under eighteen (18) years of
age may be paid for by installments not to exceed a three-year
period of time and in a manner determined by the Director. The
lifetime license shall not be issued and become valid until full

1 payment is received by the Department of Wildlife Conservation. If
2 the entire amount of the license fee is not received within three
3 (3) years from the date the application for installment payments is
4 submitted to the Department, all funds received shall be forfeited
5 and shall not be refunded.

6 J. Lifetime landowner combination hunting and fishing licenses
7 shall be available for purchase by a recorded owner of a tract of
8 land at least five hundred (500) acres in size and located in
9 Oklahoma. The licenses shall only be valid for hunting and fishing
10 activities on the land for which the lifetime landowner license was
11 issued. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall issue up to
12 twenty landowner licenses for tracts of land five hundred (500)
13 acres up to one thousand (1,000) acres in size and forty licenses
14 for tracts of land one thousand (1,000) acres or more to the
15 landowner. The landowner may designate and issue licenses to other
16 persons who are authorized to hunt and fish on his or her land for
17 which the licenses were issued; provided, that each license issued
18 by the landowner shall only be valid for the calendar year in which
19 it was issued. The landowner shall submit a yearly report to the
20 Department. Each lifetime landowner combination hunting and fishing
21 license issued pursuant to this section shall terminate upon
22 transfer or sale of the property. A lifetime landowner license
23 shall only transfer whereupon the landowner bequeaths his or her
24 license to a devisee through a properly executed will pursuant to

1 the laws of this state. The Department of Wildlife Conservation
2 shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this
3 subsection.

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

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