

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 3173

By: Kerbs and Coody of the  
House

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4 Scott of the Senate  
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8 An Act relating to game and fish; amending 29 O.S.  
9 2011, Section 4-130, which relates to waterfowl  
10 hunting stamps; providing waterfowl license fee;  
11 specifying the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation  
12 Commission shall be authorized to issue any waterfowl  
13 stamps; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 4-130, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 4-130. A. Except as otherwise provided in the Oklahoma  
18 Wildlife Conservation Code, no person may hunt or take any waterfowl  
19 during the open season on waterfowl unless the person has first  
20 obtained an Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp or license from the  
21 Director or authorized agents of the Director. Each person shall  
22 have the stamp or license in their possession when hunting or taking  
23 any waterfowl. When a stamp is purchased, the stamp shall be  
24 validated by the signature of the licensee written across the face  
of the stamp.

1 B. Persons excepted from the Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp  
2 or license requirement of this section are:

3 1. Legal residents of Oklahoma under sixteen (16) years of age;  
4 and

5 2. Legal residents of Oklahoma sixty-five (65) years of age or  
6 older.

7 C. 1. The Oklahoma waterfowl hunting stamp fee and waterfowl  
8 license shall each be Nine Dollars (\$9.00). The remainder of the  
9 fee shall be deposited in the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used  
10 exclusively in the State of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing,  
11 managing, preserving, restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and  
12 for the conservation and management of waterfowl and ecologically  
13 related species.

14 2. The collection and remittance procedures applicable to  
15 hunting license fees under this title shall apply to waterfowl stamp  
16 or license fees.

17 3. The waterfowl stamp or license issued pursuant to this  
18 section shall expire on June 30 of each year.

19 D. The Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission ~~shall~~ may  
20 prescribe, by regulation, the form, design and manner of issuance,  
21 if any, of the waterfowl stamp, which could include the selection of  
22 art for such stamp from an art contest regulated by the Commission.  
23 ~~The art for the stamp shall be selected from an art contest which~~  
24 ~~shall be regulated by the Commission.~~

1 E. 1. Any person arrested for hunting or taking any waterfowl  
2 during the open season on waterfowl without a valid Oklahoma  
3 waterfowl hunting stamp or license as required by the provisions of  
4 subsection A of this section may purchase a substitute temporary  
5 thirty-day stamp or license from the arresting game warden in lieu  
6 of posting bond. Proof of hunter safety certification shall not be  
7 required for the temporary substitute stamp or license. The fee for  
8 a substitute stamp or license purchased pursuant to the provisions  
9 of this subsection shall be:

- 10 a. for legal residents - Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), and
- 11 b. for nonresidents - One Hundred Forty-five Dollars  
12 (\$145.00).

13 2. The fees from the temporary stamp and license purchased  
14 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in  
15 the Wildlife Conservation Fund, to be used exclusively in the State  
16 of Oklahoma, for the purpose of developing, managing, preserving,  
17 restoring and maintaining wetland habitats and for the conservation  
18 and management of waterfowl and ecologically related species.

19 F. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of  
20 this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Twenty-  
21 five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

22 G. Nothing in this title shall prohibit a person from hunting  
23 waterfowl exclusively on their own property without an Oklahoma  
24 waterfowl hunting stamp or license.

