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February 13, 2018

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1488

By: Kidd

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[ Wildlife Conservation Code - hunting and fishing
lifetime licenses - lifetime landowner hunting
license - promulgate rules - effective date ]
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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:

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

B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

1. Lifetime fishing license, Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00);
2. Lifetime hunting license, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00);

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

4 4. Lifetime landowner hunting license for any tract of land one
5 thousand (1,000) acres or more, Seventy-five Thousand Dollars
6 (\$75,000.00);

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

9 ~~4.~~ 6. Senior citizen lifetime hunting license for persons
10 sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00);

11 ~~5.~~ 7. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons
12 sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and

13 ~~6.~~ 8. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing
14 license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Twenty-
15 five Dollars (\$25.00).

16 C. Legal resident having proper certification from the United
17 States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor certifying
18 that the person is a disabled veteran may purchase a disability
19 lifetime combination hunting and fishing license from the State
20 Wildlife Conservation Director. The fees for the license shall be
21 as follows:

22 1. Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for veterans having a
23 disability of less than sixty percent (60%); and
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1 2. Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for veterans having a
2 disability of sixty percent (60%) or more.

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

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

12 F. A lifetime licensee, except for the lifetime landowner
13 hunting license, shall not lose the privileges of such license by a
14 subsequent transfer of residency.

15 G. 1. In addition to the fees imposed pursuant to paragraphs 1
16 through ~~3~~ 5 of subsection B of this section, a person purchasing a
17 lifetime fishing, hunting, landowner hunting or combination license,
18 excluding a senior citizen lifetime hunting, fishing or combination
19 hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to paragraphs ~~4~~ 6
20 through ~~6~~ 8 of subsection B of this section and a disability
21 lifetime combination hunting and fishing license issued pursuant to
22 subsection C of this section, shall be required to purchase a
23 Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp. Each person shall have the
24 stamp in their possession while hunting, fishing, or taking any

1 wildlife. The fee for the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp
2 shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). The fee for the stamp shall
3 be distributed as follows:

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

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

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

22 3. Within one (1) year of the final retirement, redemption, or
23 defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to Section 168.9 of
24 Title 73 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife

1 Land Stamp and Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee
2 requirements provided for in this subsection shall terminate.

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

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

20 J. Lifetime landowner hunting licenses shall be available for
21 purchase by a recorded owner of a tract of land at least five
22 hundred (500) acres in size and located in Oklahoma. The licenses
23 shall only be valid for hunting on the land for which the lifetime
24 landowner license was issued. The Department of Wildlife

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

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

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE
21 February 13, 2018 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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