

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3371

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AS INTRODUCED

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; providing fees for lifetime landowner hunting licenses; updating citations and references; creating lifetime landowner hunting licenses for certain tracts of land; describing areas license is valid for hunting activities; providing for additional licenses issued by the landowner; requiring certain information be submitted with application; providing for automatic transfer of licenses upon change of ownership under certain circumstances; 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:

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.

1 B. The fee for these licenses shall be:

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

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

4 3. Lifetime landowner hunting license for any tract of land  
5 five hundred (500) up to one thousand (1000) acres, Fifty Thousand  
6 Dollars (\$50,000.00);

7 4. Lifetime landowner hunting license for any tract of land one  
8 thousand (1000) acres or more, Seventy-five Thousand Dollars  
9 (\$75,000.00);

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

12 ~~4.~~ 6. Senior citizen lifetime hunting license for persons  
13 sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00);

14 ~~5.~~ 7. Senior citizen lifetime fishing license for persons  
15 sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and

16 ~~6.~~ 8. Senior citizen lifetime combination hunting and fishing  
17 license for persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, Twenty-  
18 five Dollars (\$25.00).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp. Each person shall have the  
2 stamp in their possession while hunting, fishing, or taking any  
3 wildlife. The fee for the Lifetime Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp  
4 shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00). The fee for the stamp shall  
5 be distributed as follows:

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

14      b. Five Dollars (\$5.00) 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 by the  
17      Commission for management of the real property  
18      acquired pursuant to Section 168.9 of Title 73 of the  
19      Oklahoma Statutes or acquired with proceeds from the  
20      Oklahoma Wildlife Land Stamp fee.

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

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

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

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

23        J. Lifetime landowner hunting licenses shall be available for  
24 purchase by a recorded owner of a tract of land at least five

1 hundred (500) acres in size. The license shall only be valid for  
2 hunting activities on the land for which the lifetime landowner  
3 license was issued. When issuing a lifetime landowner hunting  
4 license, the Department of Wildlife Conservation shall also issue  
5 twenty additional licenses for tracts of land five hundred (500) up  
6 to one thousand (1,000) acres in size, and forty additional licenses  
7 for tracts of land one thousand (1,000) acres or more, to the  
8 landowner that the landowner may designate and issue to other  
9 persons the landowner authorizes to hunt on his or her land for  
10 which the original license was issued. The landowner shall submit  
11 information as required by the Department with the application. A  
12 license, where the landowner has owned the land for ten (10)  
13 consecutive years, shall run with the land and shall automatically  
14 be transferred upon a change of ownership of the affected property  
15 within the chain of title of which the license has been recorded.  
16 All rights, privileges, obligations and responsibilities specified  
17 in the license eligible to be transferred shall be transferred to  
18 the new landowner upon recording of the changed ownership. The  
19 Department of Wildlife Conservation shall promulgate rules necessary  
20 to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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

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